

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

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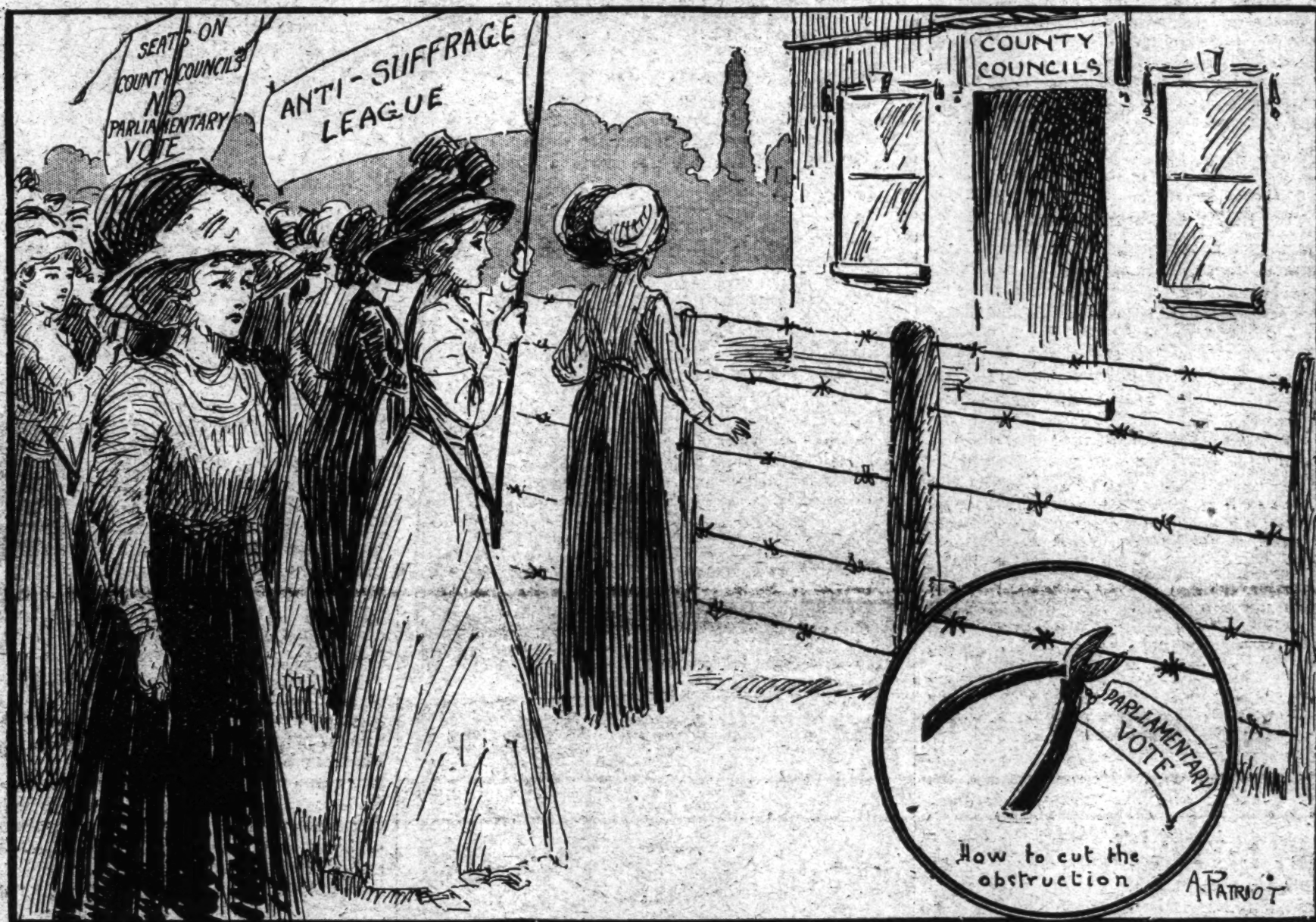
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"A CITIZEN WITHOUT A VOTE IS LIKE A WORKMAN WITHOUT TOOLS."



Chorus of Anti-Suffragist would-be Councillors: "How shall we break down this obstruction?"

"A Woman's Local Government Sub-Committee was formed by our League . . . for the purpose of giving effect to the second object of our whole crusade—namely, the substitution for interference in the Parliamentary and Imperial work of men of a just insistence upon those powers in the domestic administration of the nation which are rightly shared by women. Our Committee was at once brought up against the present state of the law. . . ."—MRS. HUMPHRY WARD at a meeting of the Anti-Suffrage League.]

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

## THE OUTLOOK.

Our Cartoon this week illustrates the legal obstacles which even Anti-Suffragists acknowledge still militate against the entrance of women into municipal politics. Our Anti-Suffrage friends, who are fond of asserting that there is no bias against women in the laws of the country, directly they started upon a piece of constructive work, found, in the words of Mrs. Humphry Ward, that they were "brought up against the present state of the law." They accordingly drafted two Bills to remedy the law, and these Bills they are trying to

get through Parliament. We wish them every success, and can assure them that when women get the Parliamentary vote these Bills will go through without difficulty. In the meantime we watch with sly amusement the pathetic appeals of the Anti-Suffrage vanguard to the Anti-Suffrage rearguard not to block these Bills in the House of Commons.

### By-Election at Kilmarnock.

The Union is carrying on an active by-election campaign in Kilmarnock Burghs, where a three-cornered contest is in progress. All the candidates have been questioned regarding their attitude towards the Conciliation Bill, which gives votes to women householders. The replies of both Liberal and Conservative were unfavourable, but the Labour candidate's reply was entirely satisfactory, and therefore the Social and Political Union is urging electors to vote for him and secure his return. Both Liberal and Unionist candidates being anti-suffragists, their election to the House of Commons would create a new obstacle to the passage of the Bill, and as the fate of the Bill is to be decided next Session this is a very serious matter.

### An Il-Liberal Attitude.

It is especially deplorable that Mr. Gladstone should be anti-suffragist, for it was to be expected that the bearer of that historic name would show himself in harmony with the spirit of the twentieth century by actively helping the women who are fighting with courage, persistence, and enthusiasm for the right to vote. Unhappily, this young man, himself placed by mere accident of birth in an exception-

ally favourable political position, has no sympathy with his countrywomen in their demand that the accident of birth should not in their case condemn them to political inferiority. Mr. Gladstone's attitude is the very negation of Liberalism, for Liberalism involves that even if freedom be not granted before it is demanded it shall be immediately given when a passionate and widespread demand comes into existence.

### Whole-Hearted Support.

In brilliant contrast to the reactionary policy of Mr. Gladstone and Sir John Rees is the attitude of Mr. McKerrall, who promises not only to vote for the Conciliation Bill, but also to vote against wrecking amendments. Mr. McKerrall by championing Votes for Women has justified his claim to represent a progressive freedom-loving constituency. Though he carries the flag of Labour, he also stands as the Liberal candidate does not, for the best and highest in Liberalism itself. He stands for the right of the people without distinction of sex to elect the House of Commons, which levies taxes upon them and makes laws which they have to obey. Consequently the Social and Political Union urges all who put principle before party to support the Labour Candidate.

### Mrs. Pankhurst's Tour.

In Scotland Mrs. Pankhurst has been making a special tour. The interest awakened has been enormous, and should bear a rich harvest. Everywhere that she has explained the Conciliation Bill and why and how it must be supported, she has been understood immediately by her audiences, and it is probable that



Scotland will take an even larger share than before in the coming campaign. A meeting, splendid in numbers and in influence, was held at Dunecht last Saturday by invitation of Lady Cowdray; a report will be found on page 791.

#### A Great Woman Worker.

The loss of Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald will be mourned by women not only at home but also in many distant parts of the British Empire. Lifelong service she gave ungrudgingly in the women's cause. The conditions of women's labour were the subject of her special attention, and from her girlhood she devoted herself to the study of this subject with the thoroughness that characterised her in everything which she undertook. She was a leading spirit in the formation of The Women's Industrial Council. The knowledge which she had gained by study became of the highest practical value to her when she definitely entered the political world as the wife and the colleague of one of the leaders of the Labour party. Thousands of working women feel to-day that by the death of Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald they have lost a personal friend. As a Suffragist, she worked with her colleagues of the N.U.W.S.S. for the enfranchisement of women. Although a convinced believer in Adult Suffrage, as a practical politician she gave her adherence to the Conciliation Bill, and, as it chanced, expressed to Miss Pankhurst as recently as last July her warm support of the Bill in its present form. We deeply regret the loss of so sincere and gifted and public-spirited a woman politician. We tender our profound sympathy to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and sorrow in the great bereavement which he has sustained. A sketch of her life will be found in the next column.

#### "Women Do Not Understand Politics."

*Tu quoque* is not a very logical form of argument. Men and women being both human are equally liable to mistakes. Yet we cannot resist drawing attention to the fact that when a Member of Parliament was criticised at the Trade Union Congress for supporting a Bill to prevent strikes (introduced by Mr. Will Crooks), he excused himself in these words:—"The sentiments in the Bill are not in harmony with my views. To tell you the honest truth I had not seen the Bill." If Members of Parliament, with their political experience, can thus put their names to Bills without reading them, we imagine that even Anti-Suffragists will find it difficult to prove the superiority of the male politician!

#### An Article by Mrs. Tuke.

We have the pleasure of presenting to our readers this week an illustrated article by Mrs. Tuke on the revival of folk music and dance in this country. It may not be generally known that Mrs. Tuke, in addition to her arduous work as Secretary of the Women's Social and Political Union, has taken an active interest for several years in morris dancing and in the folk songs; and that together with Miss Mary Neal, the secretary of the Esperance Girls' Club, she has brought the delightful old English pastimes back into many a country village. We are sure that the short sketch which we give this week will be much appreciated.

#### A Fairy Tale.

One very important department of the work of the W.S.P.U. is the Woman's Press. The story of its progress in four years from an annual turnover of £60 to one of £10,000, and from a "single desk" to the large premises in Charing Cross Road, is indeed a romance. All our readers will be interested in the story, which is a fairy story, only that it has the advantage of being true, and in the pictures on page 792, which will give some idea of the tremendous work of this department.

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## A GREAT WOMAN.

### Lessons from the Life of Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald.

Not only the woman's cause, but the whole of the Empire has sustained a loss by the tragically early death of Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald, wife of the leader of the Independent Labour Party. The record of her wonderful work has a special interest for Suffragists in that it forms an absolute answer to the chief Anti-Suffragist arguments. In the first place, her work, while naturally it was concerned with many questions of special interest to women, was also in a true sense Imperial. In the second place, it will be evident that no woman could have done all she did, both in her own sphere of work and as a helper to her husband, if she had not possessed a thorough knowledge of that political world which the Anti-Suffragists say is beyond the scope of woman, and the third lesson that may be learnt from her life is that it is possible for a woman to do social, political, and national work, and yet be a true wife, a homemaker, and a mother.

We have only to glance at the record of her busy and strenuous life to find these lessons standing out in bold relief. While she was still a girl, she worked for the Charity Organisation Society and for the Independent Labour Party. Early in the 'nineties she joined the Women's Industrial Council, and became Chairman of one Committee, Secretary of another, and a member of two others. All her life she made a special study

with the work of safeguarding women's interests under this Bill. The day before she was seized with her illness she had visited an Industrial School, and on the day itself she had attended the Anglo-American Friendship Committee. It is almost unnecessary to add that she was a keen Suffragist, and a member of the Council of the National Union of Woman Suffrage Societies.

In 1896 she married Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and with him she travelled to America, to South Africa, Australia, India, and twice to Canada. In this way she made a great number of friends, who turned to her for sympathy and help, so that the social side of her life was also an important one. In connection with her political work, too, she came in touch with a vast number of people, so that her gatherings led practically to the establishment of a political salon.

In her interesting rooms, overlooking Lincoln's Inn, there constantly gathered all the active spirits of the Labour and Socialist world, and there were formulated many of the plans which made the Labour party the power it is to-day.

It seems impossible in such a strenuous life to find room for other interests, but Mrs. Macdonald was, as one who knew her writes, "the source of the inspiration that enabled her husband to toil on in the face of great difficulties."

Not only an ardent politician, an untiring friend of all women workers, and a devoted wife, Mrs. Macdonald was also the mother of six children, of whom five survive her, and was thus a living answer to those who contend that the work of wife and mother leaves a woman no time for outside interests. A beautiful sidelight on her character appears in the *Times*, from her friend Mrs. Bode, of University College:—

"Margaret Macdonald has been called a 'champion' of women workers, a 'leader in women's movements,' a 'statesman,' 'la plus charmante femme du monde.' She was certainly these, and certainly also something that not one of these words expresses. She was a woman who, with a width of mind and a balance of judgment that would have been remarkable in a man, kept to middle womanhood the fresh joyousness of a girl (her laugh was always a girl's laugh), just as she kept the severe honesty of unspoiled early youth. It was her singleness of aim that made her speech at all times, in public and private, transparently simple, her graciousness of manner something that you could never notice as 'manner' at all. Wherever she went she carried an influence that daunted and shamed selfishness, pettiness, and every unworthiness in public life and public work. She called forth in the women's labour movement a spirit which promises more than legislators have yet been able to conceive or workers to build their hopes on. Margaret Macdonald personified this spirit and spread it by the power of her unique character and life. Perhaps her greatest work was to be what she was. Her freedom from prejudice was as singular in one of her sturdy morality as her spirit of the traveller and citizen of the world together with her gift for motherhood. Her life was a steady and building force. What might she not have accomplished if that life, cut off in its prime, might but have run its whole course—if she had had time to do all that she could have done!"

Mrs. Macdonald was the daughter of Professor J. Hall Gladstone, nephew of the great statesman, and a grand-niece of Lord Kelvin. She was born in 1870 and married Mr. Macdonald at the age of twenty-six.

S. B.

### W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The great autumn campaign will begin with the resumption of the London weekly free meetings at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, on Monday, October 2, at 3 p.m., for 3.15. The evening meetings will be resumed at the Steinway Hall on the following Thursday, October 5, at 8 p.m. Our readers are reminded to keep those dates free, and to bring as many friends as possible to both meetings. These weekly free meetings are also held in all centres throughout the country where the W.S.P.U. is represented, and particulars of them may always be found under the heading "Campaign Throughout the Country."

#### Albert Hall Meeting, November 16.

Holidays are almost over, and members will need to concentrate all their energies on making the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, November 16, a great success. This will afford a grand opportunity for bringing strangers into the movement, which is most important at this critical time, and also for interesting them in the Christmas Fair and Fête. Suffragettes never wish to keep the good news to themselves, and as it is only through members the public can obtain tickets for this meeting, it behoves every member to come forward at once and say she will be responsible for the sale of a certain number of tickets. Members are reminded that Mr. Ellis Griffith, M.P., Leader of the Welsh Party, and a staunch supporter of Woman Suffrage, has kindly consented to speak. Tickets—Prices: Stalls, 2s. 6d.; arena, Blocks A and F, 2s.; Blocks B, C, D, and E, 1s.; balcony, first two rows, 1s., other rows, 6d.; upper orchestra, 6d.; boxes, £1 10s., £1 1s., and 12s. 6d.—may be had of Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.



The Late Mrs. J. R. Macdonald.



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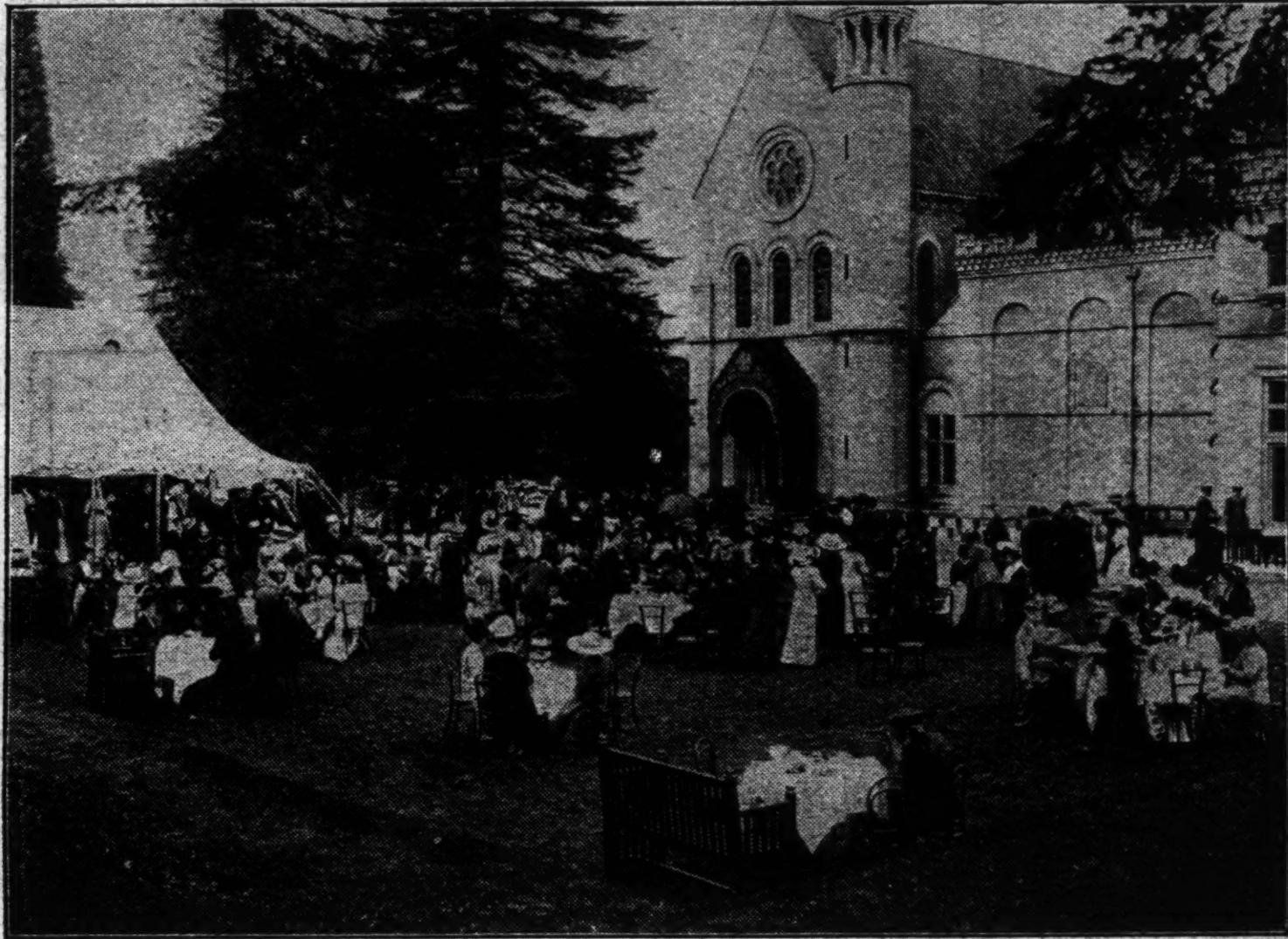
Miss Grant, of Peterhead, for the admirable way they organised this and the Fraserburgh meeting.

At Ballater the Victoria Hall was well filled with visitors. Miss Dugdale took the chair. Mrs. Pankhurst obtained a splendid hearing, and several questions were put at the end. To Miss Andrews our special thanks for making all the arrangements in connection with this meeting.

At Dunecht, on Saturday, Lady Cowdray prepared a magnificent reception for Mrs. Pankhurst. For weeks before, people had been discussing the Dunecht At Home. The Press gave special paragraphs, and even the A.B.C. Railway Time Table for September in its "Events of the Month" chronicled this special function. With Lady Betty Balfour in the chair, who travelled specially from

Conciliation Bill, although it did not give women all they were entitled to. They decided to support it because they recognised that whatever it failed to do it did remove the worst grievances women had to complain of—that the accident of birth, the fact of their being born women, should make them incapable of having citizen rights.

Mrs. Pankhurst proceeded to warn her audience of the dangers ahead. There were in the House of Commons certain anti-suffrage members—about 124 in all—and they were to combine with the members who were to give them everything—to make them members of Parliament, make them eligible for offices in the State, and to help to carry those widening proposals. The Liberal M.P. for a part of Aberdeenshire had told them that the Bill was reactionary, and was not democratic. He



LADY COWDRAY'S "AT HOME" AT DUNECHT.

Photo: Topical.

At Home which was given by Lady Cowdray at her beautiful house near Aberdeen. An account will be found below, together with a message from Lord Cowdray, which was received with great enthusiasm.

### THE WEEK'S WORK.

The Tour is rapidly coming to a close, and all there is to do is to congratulate all our kind helpers on the splendid work they have done in making the meetings so successful. On Monday, September 4, Mrs. Tweedale gave a most delightful At Home at her residence, "Balquholly," near Turriff. A large tent was erected, and over two hundred friends were given the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst. Mrs. Tweedale made a splendid speech from the chair. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Logan offered a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Pankhurst, and Lady Leith of Fyvie moved the vote of thanks to the chairman. A large quantity of literature was sold and many converts made.

The next day we proceeded to Fraserburgh, where we were told we should have a rough time, and were most agreeably surprised to find a most sympathetic and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Tarras, a prominent local Conservative, was in the chair, and the leading Socialist and leading Liberal were also on the platform to show the non-party complexion of our measure. Mrs. Pankhurst dealt most ably and tactfully with the letter from Mr. Cowan (Member for E. Aberdeenshire) which appeared in the Press that morning, advocating an amendment to make women eligible for Parliament. Miss Janet M. Black, M.A., who has just been appointed Professor of the English Language at Grenoble University, France, moved the vote of thanks to the chairman, and we must thank her most warmly for canvassing and stewarding.

Mr. Sutherland, M.P. for the Elgin Burghs, was chairman at the Peterhead meeting—a magnificent gathering. On the platform we had the Provost and leading ministers and clergy. "The March of the Women" was sung at the beginning by Miss Dugdale. Mrs. Pankhurst touched on the payment of Members, and received a great ovation at the end of her speech. Mr. Sutherland thereupon avowed that his first public act since receiving his cheque was to preside at a women's meeting. Mr. Cowan's agent jumped up several times to put questions, which were answered with great delight and approval of the audience. Our grateful thanks to the Misses Bain, and

Nairn, the non-party spirit of this Woman Suffrage Movement was again well maintained. U. D.

### "AT HOME" BY LADY COWDRAY.

Lady Cowdray's "At Home" at Dunecht House, for which over a thousand invitations had been sent, was arranged specially to give residents and visitors an opportunity of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst deal with the Conciliation Bill. The function had been the talk of the district for days beforehand, and when Saturday arrived there was a constant stream of traffic to Dunecht. The gathering was both numerous and influential. The local papers devote several columns to the meeting, and the list of guests is over a column in length. It is interesting to note that among them were Lord Leith of Fyvie and his son-in-law, Colonel Burn, M.P., perhaps the best known and most influential Conservative family in the district, while the hostess, Lady Cowdray, and her husband are of course known as prominent Liberals. It is interesting to learn that Mrs. Tennant, the sister-in-law of Mr. Asquith, was present, as also a sister of Mr. Haldane. The Lord Provost of Aberdeen and his wife and Mr. Esslemont, M.P., were also there. The meeting was held in the "la", which was decorated with purple, white and green banners. Lady Betty Balfour announced at the beginning of the meeting that she had received the following cable from Lord Cowdray, who is now in Mexico:—

"Every good wish for Suffrage, which unquestionably now is assured. Expect Aberdeenshire will give its fullest support."

### MRS. PANKHURST'S SPEECH.

In describing the Conciliation Bill, Mrs. Pankhurst pointed out that it did not give them all they asked for, but they had accepted the Conciliation Bill as an instalment of justice, because they were assured by the body of men calling themselves the Conciliation Committee for Women Suffrage that the Conciliation Bill was the only measure which could pass through all its stages in the House of Commons as presently constituted, and it was the measure which had the best chance of passing safely through the House of Lords. The women needed no Conciliation Committee to conciliate them; they were all agreed as to what they wanted. The Conciliation Committee came into existence not to conciliate women, but to conciliate Members of Parliament. They had all agreed to support the

wanted to give them a great deal more, and so he was to move an amendment to make women members of Parliament. The anti-suffragists were going to vote with him for this ridiculous amendment for which the country was not ready, and for which the House of Commons was not ripe. When that was incorporated in the Bill they knew perfectly well that in the third reading all the moderate suffragists in the House of Commons would vote against it, and then that would kill the Bill. Then there was another amendment which Mr. Lloyd George had proposed to give every woman a vote because her husband had one. If it could pass into law it would have the effect of putting at one fell swoop seven and a half million voters into the registers. They were wrecking amendments, and they viewed their proposals with very great suspicion.

Women wanted responsibility added to those duties which they were performing so willingly. There were some departments in life which suited women better than others; still they believed that a Government would be very much better, very much wiser, if it were responsible to the two parts of humanity.

## BY-ELECTION AT KILMARNOCK BURGH.

Organiser: Miss Wylie, 502, Hauchiahall Street, Glasgow.

Polling Day, Tuesday, September 26.

### Candidates.

Sir J. D. Ross ..... (U.)  
Mr. W. G. C. Gladstone ..... (L.)  
Mr. T. McKerrall ..... (Lab.)

Result in Dec., 1910: A. R. Rainy (L.), 8,087; J. B. Black (C.), 5,669. Maj., 8,088.

Both the Unionist and the Liberal have refused support to the Conciliation Bill. On the other hand Mr. McKerrall, the Labour candidate, writes in answer to a letter from the organiser: "I pledge myself to be an enthusiastic supporter of the Conciliation Bill, and will resist to the utmost any amendments calculated to endanger the passing of that much delayed measure." The W.S.P.U. has therefore started a campaign supporting him; meetings have been held in Rutherglen, Port Glasgow, Kilmarnock and Dumbarton, and everywhere the speakers have been enthusiastically received, and have replied to many questions. Women in Rutherglen are asking what they can do to help, and are anxious to hear all about the suffrage movement. One man, a Unionist, left a meeting to express his indignation to the Unionist candidate for opposing woman suffrage.

Rooms have been taken in Kilmarnock, and in each of the five Burghs two or three meetings are held daily, while at all their meetings the candidates are questioned. The district is scattered and there is a splendid opportunity for useful work for any members or friends.

### GIRL HEROINES.

Day after day the newspapers are furnishing further proof, if proof were needed, of the fact that endurance, courage, and initiative are not alone the prerogative of man. One of the most striking cases of this was told lately, when two young Irish girls, Mary and Madeline Ryley, were recommended to the Carnegie Hero Fund. A little while ago, Madeline, aged eight, was carrying her two year old brother across the footboard at Castle Dextor Loch, River Boyne, when she slipped into eight feet of water with the baby. Mary Ryley, seeing this, ran for a drag, and held both children up for over half an hour, until help came. What these children's feelings must have been can easily be imagined, but nothing seemed to trouble either save the fact that baby's head must be kept above water. This they both managed to do, and after some time the children were rescued.

Just a week ago Miss Ethel Dixon, of Leicester, who was staying at Yarmouth, saw two men get into difficulties in the water and sink. She dived again and again for twenty minutes in an endeavour to recover the bodies. The jury, in returning their verdict, commended the pluck of the young girl, and the coroner remarked that her conduct was deserving of all praise; and that the town of Yarmouth was proud of her.

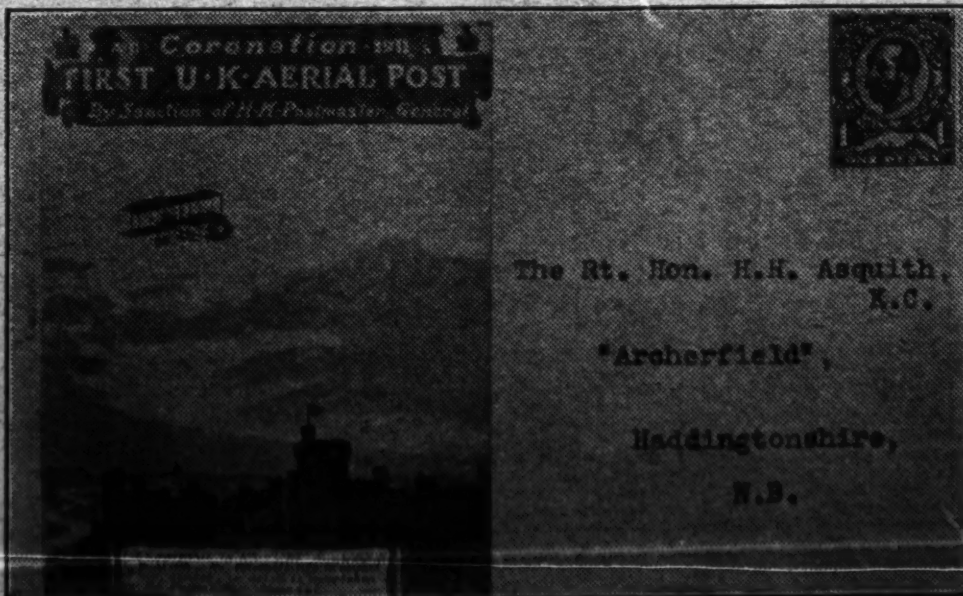
A similar case has occurred at Hastings, where Miss Frances Powell, a young girl of fourteen, and a member of the Girl Guides, saw a man who was asleep on the beach swept into the sea. He tried to regain his feet, but without avail, and Miss Powell jumped in to his rescue with her clothes on. She has since been presented with a medal by Mrs. Du Cros.

### BY AIR-POST TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

Of course the Suffrage cause was not left out of so memorable an event as the inauguration of an aerial post. With what the newspapers call "their usual enterprise and ingenuity," the Suffragettes took advantage of the innovation to "raise their hopes," and as the first aerial postman started on his journey to Windsor on Saturday afternoon, he carried with him from the W.S.P.U. a letter to the Prime Minister, which ran as follows:—

"Remember! Votes for Women in 1912."  
Mr. Asquith, who is holiday-making in Scotland and doubtless considering the work of next Session, may be glad of this reminder on the most urgent of all political questions!

An interesting incident of the day was the sending of a copy of VOTES FOR WOMEN to Mrs. Pankhurst in one of the special wrappers designed for a few of the more important newspapers, and a rather striking coincidence was that the lettering on the special wrapper was purple, while the remainder of the wrapper was white with a green stamp in the corner. These papers are later on to be kept in the British Museum.



MR. ASQUITH'S AERIAL LETTER FROM THE W.S.P.U. (Photo: Daily Mirror.)



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Scotland has responded splendidly to the message which Mrs. Pankhurst has carried through the Highlands this summer. Her tour is now nearly ended, but the shining trail that is left behind will long serve to inspire and strengthen the movement in that great country. Everywhere it seems as if the people had only been waiting for the word. The audiences were splendid, and in every case the chairman was one whose opinions carried weight with his fellow citizens. Sometimes it was a man honoured for his municipal work, sometimes it was a member of Parliament, and on the platform Liberals and Conservatives were gathered together, proving once more that the Suffrage movement is not a party one, but that it unites the best elements of both parties in order to secure an urgent reform.

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Miss Grant, of Peterhead, for the admirable way they organised this and the Fraserburgh meeting.

At Ballater the Victoria Hall was well filled with visitors. Miss Dugdale took the chair. Mrs. Pankhurst obtained a splendid hearing, and several questions were put at the end. To Miss Andrews our special thanks for making all the arrangements in connection with this meeting.

At Dunscht, on Saturday, Lady Cowdray prepared a magnificent reception for Mrs. Pankhurst. For weeks before, people had been discussing the Dunscht At Home. The Press gave special paragraphs, and even the A.B.C. Railway Time Table for September in its "Events of the Month" chronicled this special function. With Lady Betty Balfour in the chair, who travelled specially from

Conciliation Bill, although it did not give women all they were entitled to. They decided to support it because they recognised that whatever it failed to do it did remove the worst grievances women had to complain of—that the accident of birth, the fact of their being born women, should make them incapable of having citizen rights.

Mrs. Pankhurst proceeded to warn her audience of the dangers ahead. There were in the House of Commons certain anti-suffrage members—about 124 in all—and they were to combine with the members who were to give them everything—to make them members of Parliament, make them eligible for offices in the State, and to help to carry those widening proposals. The Liberal M.P. for a part of Aberdeenshire had told them that the Bill was reactionary, and was not democratic. He



LADY COWDRAY'S "AT HOME" AT DUNESCHT.

Photo: Topical.

At Home which was given by Lady Cowdray at her beautiful house near Aberdeen. An account will be found below, together with a message from Lord Cowdray, which was received with great enthusiasm.

### THE WEEK'S WORK.

The Tour is rapidly coming to a close, and all there is to do is to congratulate all our kind helpers on the splendid work they have done in making the meetings so successful. On Monday, September 4, Mrs. Tweedale gave a most delightful At Home at her residence, "Balquherry," near Turriff. A large tent was erected, and over two hundred friends were given the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst. Mrs. Tweedale made a splendid speech from the chair. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Logan offered a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Pankhurst, and Lady Leith of Fyvie moved the vote of thanks to the chairman. A large quantity of literature was sold and many converts made.

The next day we proceeded to Fraserburgh, where we were told we should have a rough time, and were most agreeably surprised to find a most sympathetic and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Tarras, a prominent local Conservative, was in the chair, and the leading Socialist and leading Liberal were also on the platform to show the non-party complexion of our measure. Mrs. Pankhurst dealt most ably and tactfully with the letter from Mr. Cowan (Member for E. Aberdeenshire) which appeared in the Press that morning, advocating an amendment to make women eligible for Parliament. Miss Janet M. Black, M.A., who has just been appointed Professor of the English Language at Grenoble University, France, moved the vote of thanks to the chairman, and we must thank her most warmly for canvassing and stewarding.

Mr. Sutherland, M.P. for the Elgin Burghs, was chairman at the Peterhead meeting—a magnificent gathering. On the platform we had the Provost and leading ministers and clergy. "The March of the Women" was sung at the beginning by Miss Dugdale. Mrs. Pankhurst touched on the payment of Members, and received a great ovation at the end of her speech. Mr. Sutherland thereupon avowed that his first public act since receiving his cheque was to preside at a women's meeting. Mr. Cowan's agent jumped up several times to put questions, which were answered with great delight and approval of the audience. Our grateful thanks to the Misses Bain, and

Nairn, the non-party spirit of this Woman Suffrage Movement was again well maintained. U. D.

### "AT HOME" BY LADY COWDRAY.

Lady Cowdray's "At Home" at Dunscht House, for which over a thousand invitations had been sent, was arranged specially to give residents and visitors an opportunity of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst deal with the Conciliation Bill. The function had been the talk of the district for days beforehand, and when Saturday arrived there was a constant stream of traffic to Dunscht. The gathering was both numerous and influential. The local papers devote several columns to the meeting, and the list of guests is over a column in length. It is interesting to note that among them were Lord Leith of Fyvie and his son-in-law, Colonel Burn, M.P., perhaps the best known and most influential Conservative family in the district, while the hostess, Lady Cowdray, and her husband are of course known as prominent Liberals. It is interesting to learn that Mrs. Tennant, the sister-in-law of Mr. Asquith, was present, as also a sister of Mr. Haldane. The Lord Provost of Aberdeen and his wife and Mr. Esslemont, M.P., were also there. The meeting was held in the la', which was decorated with purple, white and green banners. Lady Betty Balfour announced at the beginning of the meeting that she had received the following cable from Lord Cowdray, who is now in Mexico:—

"Every good wish for Suffrage, which unquestionably now is assured. Expect Aberdeenshire will give its fullest support."

### MRS. PANKHURST'S SPEECH.

In describing the Conciliation Bill, Mrs. Pankhurst pointed out that it did not give them all they asked for, but they had accepted the Conciliation Bill as an instalment of justice, because they were assured by the body of men calling themselves the Conciliation Committee for Women Suffrage that the Conciliation Bill was the only measure which could pass through all its stages in the House of Commons as presently constituted, and it was the measure which had the best chance of passing safely through the House of Lords. The women needed no Conciliation Committee to conciliate them; they were all agreed as to what they wanted. The Conciliation Committee came into existence not to conciliate women, but to conciliate Members of Parliament. They had all agreed to support the

wanted to give them a great deal more, and so he was to move an amendment to make women members of Parliament. The anti-suffragists were going to vote with him for this ridiculous amendment for which the country was not ready, and for which the House of Commons was not ripe. When that was incorporated in the Bill they knew perfectly well that in the third reading all the moderate suffragists in the House of Commons would vote against it, and then that would kill the Bill. Then there was another amendment which Mr. Lloyd George had proposed to give every woman a vote because her husband had one. If it could pass into law it would have the effect of putting at one fell swoop seven and a half million voters into the registers. They were wrecking amendments, and they viewed their proposals with very great suspicion.

Women wanted responsibility added to those duties which they were performing so willingly. There were some departments in life which suited women better than others; still they believed that a Government would be very much better, very much wiser, if it were responsible to the two parts of humanity.

## BY-ELECTION AT KILMARNOCK BURGH.

Organiser: Miss Wylie, 502, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

Polling Day, Tuesday, September 26.

### Candidates.

Sir J. D. Rees ..... (U.)  
Mr. W. G. Gladstone ..... (L.)  
Mr. T. McKerrall ..... (Lab.)

Result in Dec., 1910: A. E. Rainy (L.), 8,887; J. B. Black (C.), 5,669. Maj., 8,088.

Both the Unionist and the Liberal have refused support to the Conciliation Bill. On the other hand Mr. McKerrall, the Labour candidate, writes in answer to a letter from the organiser: "I pledge myself to be an enthusiastic supporter of the Conciliation Bill, and will resist to the utmost any amendments calculated to endanger the passing of that much delayed measure." The W.S.P.U. has therefore started a campaign supporting him; meetings have been held in Rutherglen, Port Glasgow, Kilmarnock and Dumbarton, and everywhere the speakers have been enthusiastically received, and have replied to many questions. Women in Rutherglen are asking what they can do to help, and are anxious to hear all about the suffrage movement. One man, a Unionist, left a meeting to express his indignation to the Unionist candidate for opposing woman suffrage.

Rooms have been taken in Kilmarnock, and in each of the five Burghs two or three meetings are held daily, while at all their meetings the candidates are questioned. The district is scattered and there is a splendid opportunity for useful work for any members or friends.

### GIRL HEROINES.

Day after day the newspapers are furnishing further proof, if proof were needed, of the fact that endurance, courage, and initiative are not alone the prerogative of man. One of the most striking cases of this was told lately, when two young Irish girls, Mary and Madeline Ryley, were recommended to the Carnegie Hero Fund. A little while ago, Madeline, aged eight, was carrying her two year old brother across the footboard at Castle Dextor Loch, River Boyne, when she slipped into eight feet of water with the baby. Mary Ryley, seeing this, ran for a drag, and held both children up for over half an hour, until help came. What these children's feelings must have been can easily be imagined, but nothing seemed to trouble either save the fact that baby's head must be kept above water. This they both managed to do, and after some time the children were rescued.

Just a week ago Miss Ethel Dixon, of Leicester, who was staying at Yarmouth, saw two men get into difficulties in the water and sink. She dived again and again for twenty minutes in an endeavour to recover the bodies. The jury, in returning their verdict, commended the pluck of the young girl, and the coroner remarked that her conduct was deserving of all praise; and that the town of Yarmouth was proud of her.

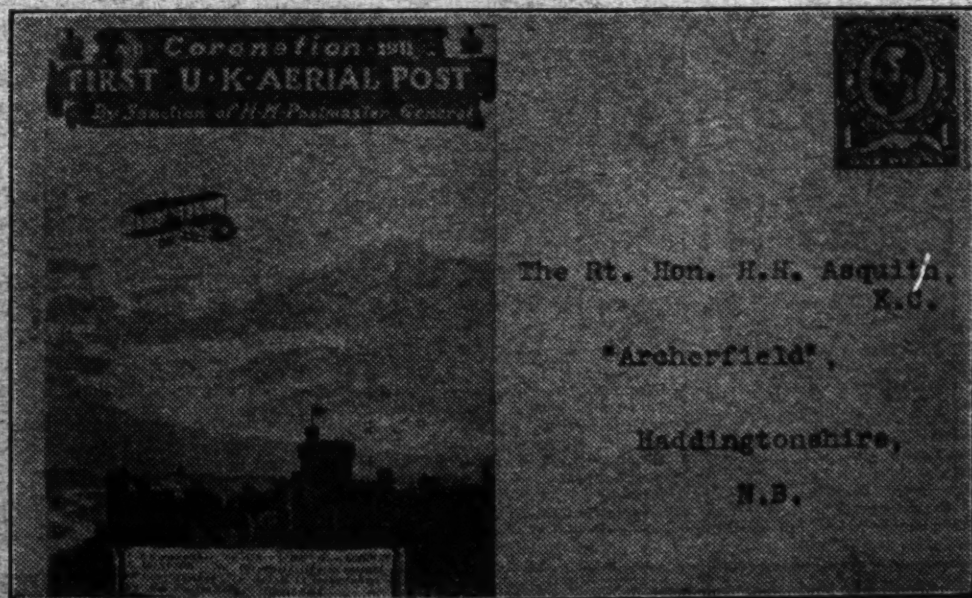
A similar case has occurred at Hastings, where Miss Frances Powell, a young girl of fourteen, and a member of the Girl Guides, saw a man who was asleep on the beach swept into the sea. He tried to regain his feet, but without avail, and Miss Powell jumped in to his rescue with her clothes on. She has since been presented with a medal by Mrs. Du Cros.

### BY AIR-POST TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

Of course the Suffrage cause was not left out of so memorable an event as the inauguration of an aerial post. With what the newspapers call "their usual enterprise and ingenuity," the Suffragettes took advantage of the innovation to "raise their hopes," and as the first aerial postman started on his journey to Windsor on Saturday afternoon, he carried with him from the W.S.P.U. a letter to the Prime Minister, which ran as follows:—

"Remember! Votes for Women in 1912."  
Mr. Asquith, who is holiday-making in Scotland and doubtless considering the work of next Session, may be glad of this reminder on the most urgent of all political questions!

An interesting incident of the day was the sending of a copy of VOTES FOR WOMEN to Mrs. Pankhurst in one of the special wrappers designed for a few of the more important newspapers; and a rather striking coincidence was that the lettering on the special wrapper was purple, while the remainder of the wrapper was white with a green stamp in the corner. These papers are later on to be kept in the British Museum.

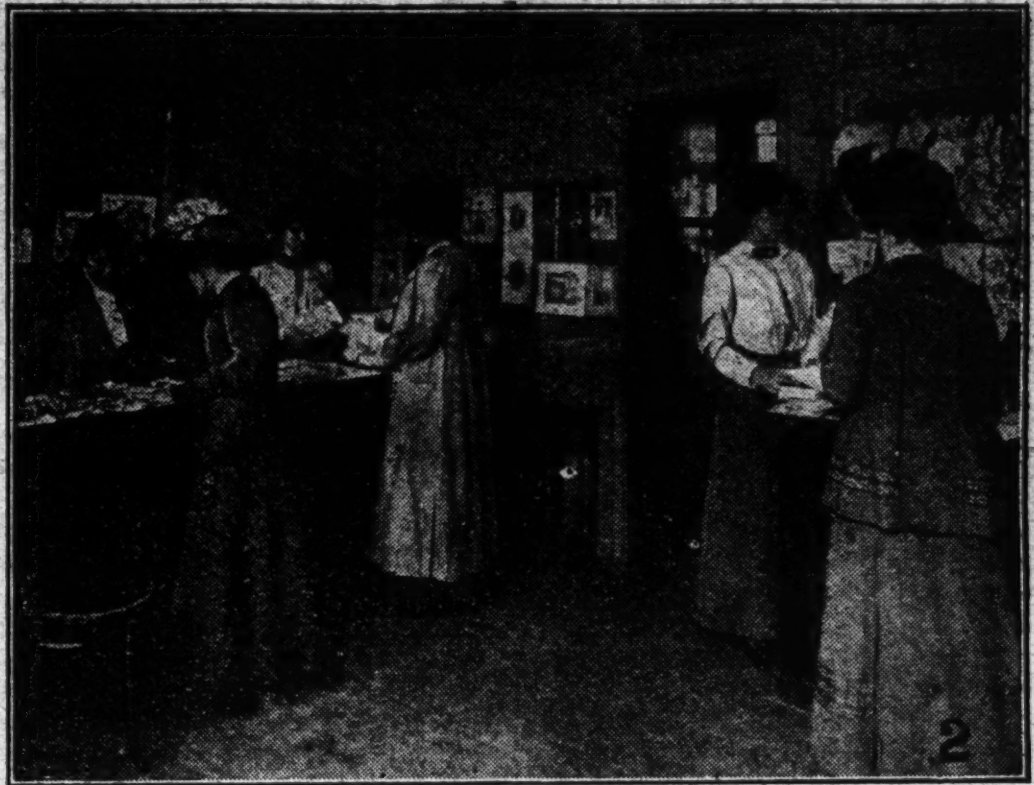
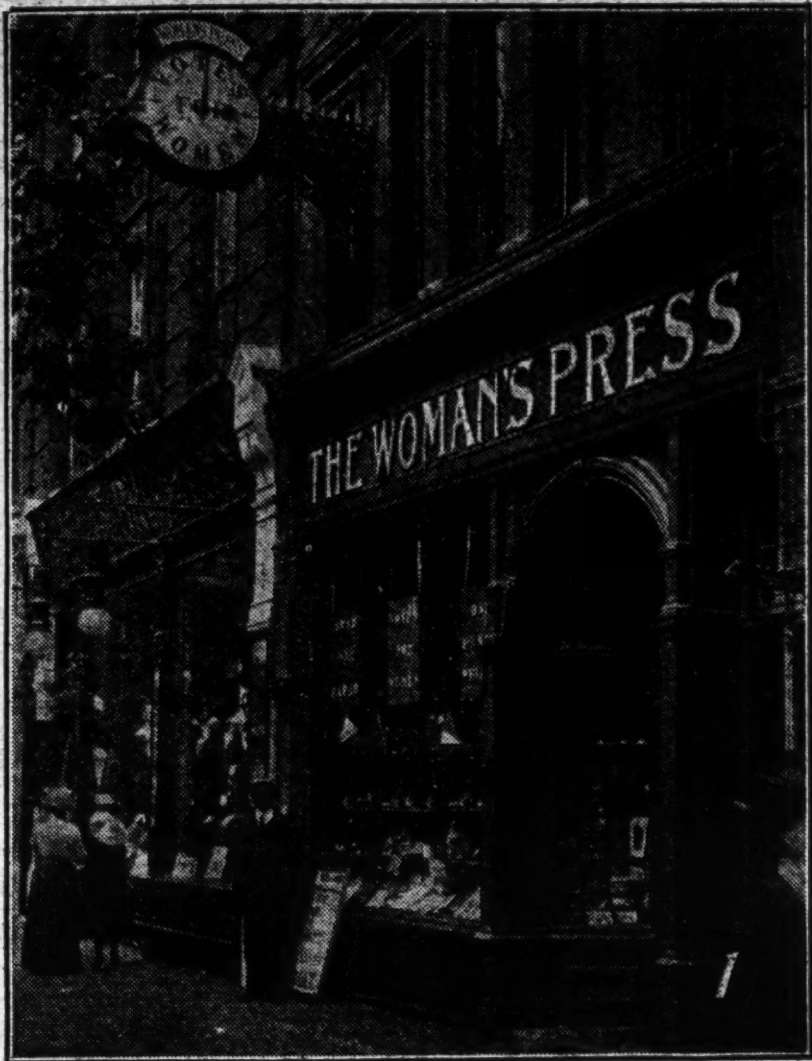


MR. ASQUITH'S AERIAL LETTER FROM THE W.S.P.U.

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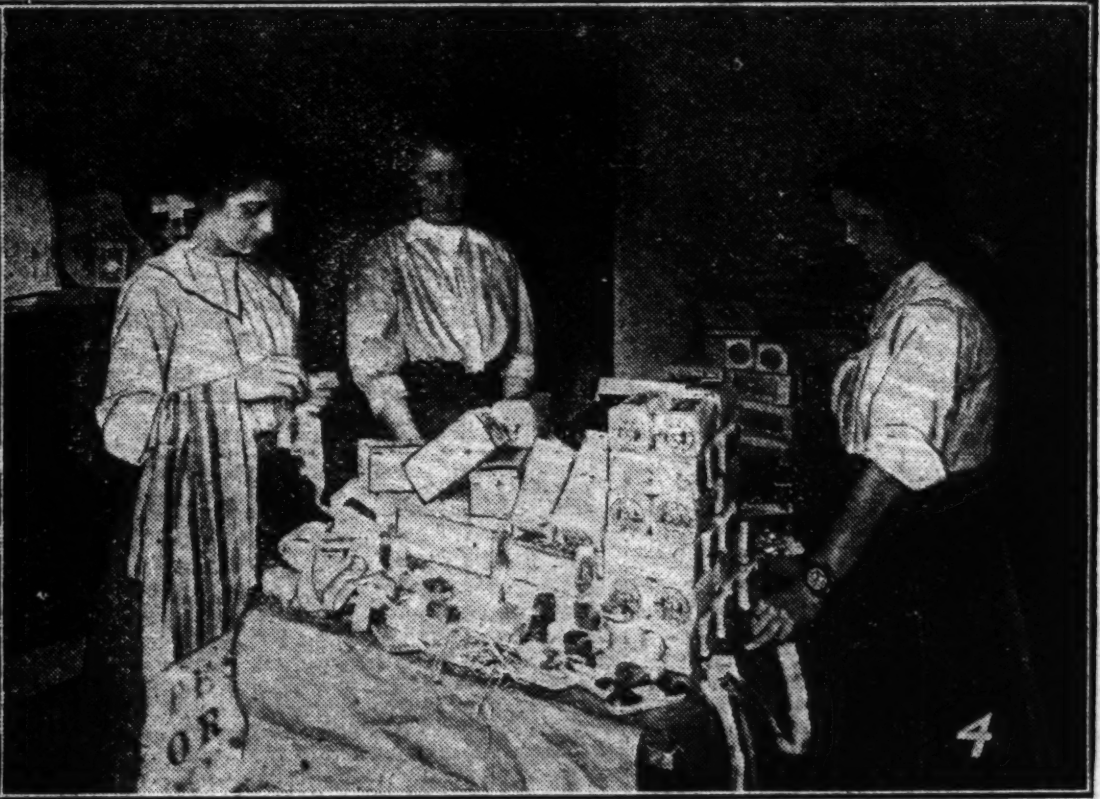


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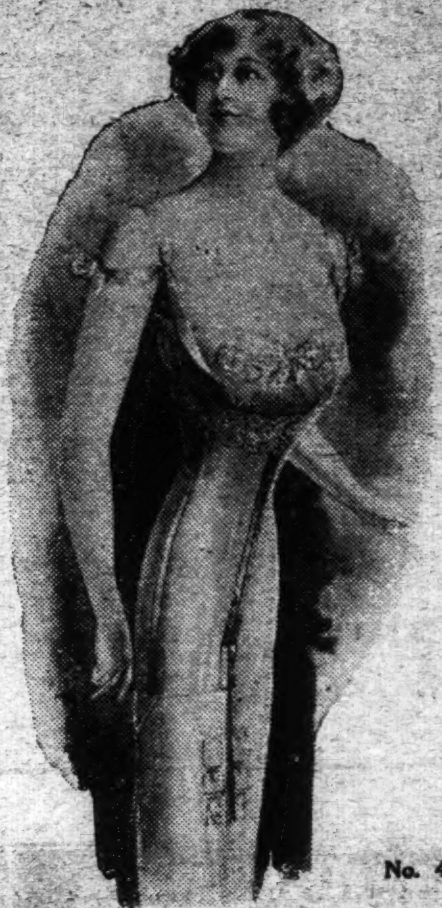
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When the W.S.P.U. was young it could not count upon more than a dozen speakers who could hold a crowd; to-day it reckons them by the hundred, perhaps by the thousand. Yet even to-day it cannot hope to reach more than a fraction of the population by public meetings alone. The written word has, therefore, to supplement the spoken word.

So important do many political associations reckon the literature side of their propaganda that they spend large sums out of their general fund for the production and distribution of free literature. The W.S.P.U. has adopted the much healthier plan of selling its publications, and has thus enabled a vast propaganda work to be carried out without a drain upon the finances.

In the early days, money taken in literature sales was not separated from the money taken for tickets or in collections, which were all handed together to the treasurer of the Union. So long as the number of available helpers was few no other method was possible, but as the Union grew in size my wife and I came to the conclusion that a better method could be adopted. I accordingly made an offer to the Committee that from the beginning of 1907 I should take charge of the literature of the Union and organise it on a trade basis. My offer was accepted, and I set to work at once to form a literature department with a wholesale and retail side which should be entirely separate from the main accounts of the Union. The change imposed upon local organisations additional bookkeeping, and the appointment of additional officials as literature secretaries; but the members of the W.S.P.U. readily undertook the extra work, then as ever thinking nothing of personal trouble.

At first the whole work of the new central department was done at a single desk in the general office at Clements Inn and only occupied my spare time. We dealt in pamphlets and leaflets, buttons and postcards. The buttons went very rapidly at by-elections; the postcards provided a conclusive answer to the wonderful fables which were being circulated about the masculine appearance of the principal suffragettes. I remember the exciting triumph when we sold in the street several pounds worth of literature on the occasion of the "mud march"—the procession in the rain of constitutional suffragists from Hyde Park to Exeter Hall. It was interesting, too, to note the different capacities of the sellers; one returned bringing a single penny saying there was no sale to be effected; another brought in triumphantly no less than 18s. 10d.

It was soon found that the department was sufficiently large to occupy the whole time of a book-keeper and packer, and when an enlargement of the office was made in February, 1907, a part of one of the new rooms was set aside for the work. In April, Mrs. Knight was appointed. The summer of 1907 saw a succession of important by-elections, and a brisk trade took place in consequence. Meanwhile the work of the Union was extending on every side, and when the year closed it was found that a ten-fold increase had been effected in sales of literature, from £60 in 1906 to £600 in 1907.

In January, 1908, the department again moved to larger quarters in Clements Inn, and an assistant to Mrs. Knight was appointed. A little later it changed its name to the Woman's Press, thereby laying the foundation of its present position as a recognised publishing house. In April the new famous tricolour—purple, white, and green—was invented, and the sale of ribbons, badges, and many other articles in the colours was added to the trade of the department. To cope with the extra work, an additional room was taken and additional staff employed. The total trade in 1908 amounted to £2,000—a threefold increase on the previous year.

In 1909 my wife and I handed over to the W.S.P.U. the paper *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, which has accordingly since been recognized as one of the publications of the Woman's Press. In that year the total trade of the department amounted to £7,000.

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trade was done through the new local W.S.P.U. shops, to whom a discount is allowed, and the wholesale and not the retail prices were shown in the aggregate.

During the past few months a large number of new books have been stocked at the shop, and arrangements have been made to obtain for customers any book on any subject (not merely on Woman Suffrage) which they desire to purchase. A number of members of the W.S.P.U. have already decided to place all their orders for books with the Woman's Press, and it is hoped that in future many others will follow their example, so that the shop in Charing Cross Road may become a recognised centre for women book-buyers and do a large and increasing book trade.

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## WILL THE INSURANCE BILL BE WITHDRAWN?

One of the favourite statements of Anti-Suffragists is that women are peculiarly favoured by the laws of the land. If such an assertion could be supported by fact, it would still be of the greatest importance that women should have votes in order that their point of view on such questions as sweating, infant mortality, the adulteration of food, the treatment of the poor and of the criminal, the white slave traffic, and many other matters, should have the driving power in the House of Commons which the possession of the vote alone can give. But as a matter of fact, as has been frequently shown in these columns, the assertion is entirely false.

It is not proposed, however, to recapitulate here the many instances where the existing law is unfavourable to women, but to direct attention to the new discrimination against them which will be set up if the Insurance Bill now before Parliament is allowed to become law. It is satisfactory to notice that with regard to this measure the opinion of Suffragists is confirmed by that of Anti-Suffragists, who agree that the Bill in its present form is not constructed fairly as between the two sexes. Whereas, however, Suffragists consider that this is mainly due to the present voteless condition of women, Anti-Suffragists argue that the two questions are not in any way connected; and further, while Anti-Suffragists believe the defects can be remedied by amendment, Suffragists, as I shall proceed to show, have regretfully come to the conclusion that the Bill cannot be made satisfactory except by being withdrawn and drafted on totally different lines.

When the Insurance Bill was first introduced, I, in common with many others, hoped that it might really be the means of securing to men and women of the working classes a release from the haunting spectre of destitution consequent upon sickness, which is to-day never wholly absent from their minds. We believed that the hiatuses in the Bill could be filled up and that the differentiation in treatment between men and women could be obliterated. A closer study has, however, failed to justify this optimistic forecast. We have learnt to our disappointment that the most serious defects are not accidental but inherent.

The fundamental principle of the Bill is not national insurance of the working class, but insurance of the

wage-earner, and in consequence one half of the women of the country are omitted from its provisions. This applies not merely to benefit money paid during sickness but to medical attention, which will accordingly be withheld from a vast number of women. The result is to penalise the valuable work which women are doing in the home without wages, whether as wives or as daughters or sisters. Moreover, it is not only that they are excluded from benefit while so engaged, but for every year that they have given up their lives to the care of others they are penalised by having a lower benefit\* when they enter upon remunerative employment.

The woman who from the time she has left school has kept house for her father, or for her brother, or for some other relative, will find when she subsequently goes out to work that she cannot join the scheme at the same rate of contribution as her brother who began to earn wages directly he left school; unless she can pay down a lump sum of money she will have to be content till the end of her life to get for the same premium a reduced benefit, dependent on the number of years she has devoted to her family; if she marries and is subsequently left a widow, all the years of her unmarried life devoted to her parents' home and all the years of her married life will be reckoned against her. The only exception to this rule is that of the woman who after devoting her unmarried life to wage-earning employment† marries and is subsequently left a widow, in which case she is allowed to re-enter at the normal premium and obtain the normal benefit; but even this case is not really a concession to women, for the whole burden of the arrangement falls on the women's side of the fund and is therefore chargeable upon the unmarried working women, who in consequence get a lower rate of benefit than the working men.

Space prevents me from dwelling at length upon other serious defects in the Bill, such as the Post Office scheme with its pretence at insurance, into which a large proportion of those women who are eligible at all under the Bill will be forced to enter; or again, the voluntary side with its heavy premiums, which will be practically the only means of insurance for widows left with young children. These and many other defects cannot be removed except by such drastic amendment as to imply the complete reconstruction of the Bill.

"But," say the Anti-Suffragists, "even if these things are as bad as you say, voteless women are not the only people who have grievances under the Bill; other sections with votes (notably the doctors) have grievances also, and just as their grievances have been proclaimed, so the grievances of the women have been nobly championed on the floor of the House of Commons." The fact remains, however, that whereas the grievances of doctors have been largely met and those of other sections have received attention, the exceedingly serious grievances of women have not (in spite of the praiseworthy efforts of a few M.P.'s) been remedied, important amendments in their favour having been rejected by the House of Commons at the instigation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Let me sum up the position. Suffragists do not accuse Mr. Lloyd George or his coadjutors of deliberate bias against women in framing the Bill; what they realise is that in constructing its provisions he was thinking almost entirely of men, and that women were brought into it as a kind of side issue. That such a thing was possible is due to the mental atmosphere which exists in a country where women are not citizens.

Equally, Suffragists do not accuse the members of the House of Commons of conscious injustice to women. But partly owing to lack of knowledge arising out of the fact that they do not have to consult the women of their constituency, partly owing to the law of politics which compels them to obey the voice of the voters, they have not shown themselves as alive to the defects of the Bill as it touches women as they would have been if they had been the representatives of the women of the country as well as of the men.

If the Bill be carried it will provide a fresh incontestable proof that without the vote the interests of women cannot be safeguarded; but Suffragists have no desire to add this weapon to their armoury at so great a price. They are not without hope that the new solidarity of women, built up by the great agitation for the franchise together with the prospect of coming victory, may be even now sufficient to react upon the political world and turn the scale against the Bill. If this should prove the case the Bill will be withdrawn to be recast in a different mould and carried with the assistance of women after they have won the vote.

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

\* Clause 3 of the Bill, Section 4.

† Clause 34 of the Bill, Section 1.



# THE MAGIC OF THE MORRIS.

By Mabel Tuke.



A GROUP OF DANCERS.

It is no far cry from dock leaves to morris dancing! At first sight the connection may not be too clear, but in my case the application of a homely and happily ubiquitous dock to a hand tingling from the sly attentions of a hidden nettle suggested a consideration of poisons and antidotes, present-day problems due to a prevailing spirit of hustle and unrest and the complexities of modern civilisation, as against the simplicities and homely joys which a saner and less crowded life must inevitably bring in its train, and started a sequence of thought culminating with entire appropriateness in a wonderful movement which is racing at express speed throughout the length and breadth of England to-day.

Some of the results of this movement have already made themselves felt, whilst to those with eyes to see there appears to be hardly a limit which it may not reach, and scarcely a miracle which it may not work. It stands for a readjustment of current philosophies about life, a revolution as real as ever was achieved in the past, not by sword and bloodshed and strife, but through the medium of dance and song, the spirit of a merry heart, the rousing of the countryside and the village, and the weaving about our crowded towns and cities of the "impossible dream." Impossible and fantastic it may appear to some, nevertheless our dream materialises, we see it incarnate here and now.

In the forefront of those practical visionaries who are spending all their energies and lavishing an endless thought and love upon this peaceful revolution stands the vivid and magnetic personality of Miss Mary Neal, its protagonist and leader. No dry bones can resist the spirit which she breathes with such courage and vitality, and her life work on behalf of the working girls of the *Esperance Club* is crowned by the formation of the Guild for the Revival of Folk-Song and Morris Dancing, with which her name has been of late years more specially connected, and in which she has taken so prominent a share. It came about, this Revival, quite naturally, as all beautiful things happen, simply as the flowers bloom in the spring and the harvest fields ripen in the autumn. No stultifying pessimism can possibly live in its atmosphere of radiant hopefulness, and the best advice one can offer to weary misanthropes convinced that the future holds nothing but gloom and desolation for themselves and the world at large would be to insist that they should accompany you to the next performance of the *Esperance Guild*. The deadening load of dull depression would slip away by the end of the evening, and in its place something of a sense of fun and frolic, memories of childhood's innocent days, of green fields and blue skies, would come back; and the tender springs of an altogether human emotion might even well up in the dry wilderness which for long had taken the place of a heart.

It is my happy lot to be able to give something of my time and my music, and to have some small part in the life of the *Esperance Club* and the work of the



BEAN-SETTING DANCE.

*Esperance Guild of Morris Dancers*, and to have journeyed north, south, east and west with the girls and boys in their merrymaking adventures. They are the heralds and prophets of a gospel new and yet old, which the fever of modern industrial life has almost succeeded in destroying. They stand for the re-affirmation in actual fact, as apart from mere theorising, of the truth that man cannot live by bread alone, that love and childlikeness, happiness and healthy merriment are

the foods of the perfect physical body, as well as the inspiration and life of the soul, and they bring with them such a contagion of mirth and so irresistible an appeal that it can always win a ready and enthusiastic response.

Pan, the nature god of old, must have touched their twinkling feet and breathed into them something of his way who made the ancient days ring to his tune, for the irresistible frolic and lighthearted footing of the morris dancers, the exquisite plaintive beauty of some folk-song melody, and the fascinating unself-conscious charm of the singing games will rouse even the most blasé of onlookers, transporting them in spirit to the very far off land they had fancied gone for ever, where the old earth smiles always happily upon her children, the air is rapturous with the singing of birds, and the golden sunshine is over all.

A fascinating article which appeared recently in the *Westminster Gazette* shows the ultimate aim of the movement. The writer says, to extract one gem from the many contained in the article:—

The Utopian is a great believer in village greens and in the maypole. England is to be less stiff and less self-conscious.



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THE FIRST TWO WHO SET OUT TO TEACH.

She is to dance and sing from pure lightness of heart, and in the open air, upon green grass, and beneath the blue sky. The Utopians, in their visions of a future England, always see the young men and graceful, sunburnt girls footing it upon the turf, and bands of merry children playing games which are actually childlike and simple.

Who would not confess with pride and joy to such a dream as this!

## WHAT WOMEN HAVE DONE IN COLORADO.

By George Creel and Judge Lindsey.

Colorado, better, perhaps, than any other State, affords an opportunity for a fair appraisal of equal suffrage's value, of its merits and demerits, its efficiency or its failure. This commonwealth is peculiarly suited for such an examination by reason of the typical Americanism that marks its people and its problems. Within its border is every hope that animates the national heart, and every menace that casts its shadow over our democratic institutions. The pioneer spirit still survives—taming mountains, harnessing torrents, bringing deserts into bloom—and side by side with hardy enterprise and unconscious idealism there are those forces of ruthless commercialism so intimately identified with modernity. Against this background of characteristic conditions, the medley of courage and craft, patriotism and rapacity, honour and dishonour that is America, equal suffrage has limned itself more boldly than could have been possible in many other States.

It has been one of the great bells that has aroused Colorado to the work of flushing filth from its politics, bettering economic conditions, mitigating the cruelties of industrialism, promoting equal and exact justice, and making for a more wholesome and expansive environment.

\* From an article, "Measuring up Equal Suffrage," an authoritative estimate of results in Colorado, published in *The Deliberator*.

To these ends, in the short space of seventeen years, it has aided in placing a score of needed laws on the statute books. It has raised new standards of public service, of political morality and of official honesty. It has helped to lift the curse of corporation control from the government. It has gone far to bit and bridle the lawless "liquor interests." It has made for a fuller, finer participation in public affairs, and by the introduction of a distinctly independent element into partisan politics it has compelled the adoption of progressive platforms and the nomination of better candidates than the "old way" ever knew.

### Better Laws for Children.

If the reform were pinned down to a specific result, and discussion limited to one concrete outcome, equal suffrage could well afford to rest its case on the findings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. This globe-circling organization of men and women, who play important parts in the public affairs of their various countries, is on record as declaring that "Colorado has the sanest, the most humane, the most progressive, most scientific laws relating to the child to be found on any statute books in the world." And of these laws which drew such praise from impartial sociologists, not one but has come into operation since Colorado's adoption of equal suffrage in 1893; not one but owes either its inception or its success to the voting woman. Even in those cases where the law was not originated, not specifically championed by them, they elected the official responsible for the law, whose candidacy had its base in revolt and reform.

The list is as long as splendid: laws establishing a State home for dependent children, three of the five members of the board to be women; making mothers joint guardians of their children with the fathers; raising the age of protection for girls to eighteen years; creating juvenile courts; making education compulsory for all children between the ages of eight and sixteen, except the ailing, those taught at home, those over fourteen who have completed the eighth grade, those who support themselves, or whose parents need their help and support; establishing truant or parental schools; forbidding the insuring of the lives of children under ten; making it a criminal offence for parents or other persons to contribute to the delinquency of children; forbidding children of sixteen or under to work more than eight hours a day in any mill, factory, or store, or in any other occupation that may be deemed unhealthy; requiring at least three of the six members of the Board of County Visitors to be women; establishing a State industrial home for girls, three of the five members of the Board of Control to be women; including instruction concerning the humane treatment of animals in the public school course; providing that any person employing a child under fourteen in any mine, smelter mill, factory, or underground works shall be punished by imprisonment in addition to fine; abolishing the binding out of industrial-home girls until twenty-one, and providing for parole; forbidding prosecution and arresting officers from collecting fees in cases against children; providing that at least two thousand dollars of the estate of a deceased parent shall be paid to the child before creditors' claims are satisfied.

### The Protection of the Home.

These laws, directly concerned with the welfare of the child, are supplemented by the following safeguards thrown about motherhood, the home, and general sociological conditions:—

Laws making father and mother joint heirs of deceased children; requiring joint signature of husband and wife to every chattel mortgage, sale of household goods used by the family, or conveyance or mortgage of homestead; making it a misdemeanour to fail to support aged or infirm parents; providing that no woman shall work more than eight hours a day at labour requiring her to be on her feet; requiring one woman physician on the board of the insane asylum; providing for the care of the feeble-minded, for their free maintenance, and for the inspection of private eleemosynary institutions by the State Board of Charities; making the Colorado Humane Society a State Bureau of child and animal protection; enforcing pure-food inspection in harmony with the national law; providing that foreign life or accident insurance companies, when sued, must pay the costs; establishing a State Travelling Library Commission to consist of five women from the State Federation of Women's Clubs; and making it a criminal offence to fail, refuse or neglect to provide food, clothing, shelter and care in case of sickness of wife or minor child.

### Reformed, not Rejected.

The woman voter has boldly and intelligently dealt with the "criminal problem," the "labour problem," and the "suffrage problem." Not only has the "indeterminate sentence" been written on the statute books, and probation laws of greatest latitude adopted, but women serving on the penitentiary and reform school boards have practically revolutionised the conduct of penal institutions in Colorado. Broken men are mended now, not further cowed and crushed. A State Free Employment Bureau, with offices in all Colorado cities of more than twenty-five thousand, has worked wonders, and the bitter cry of the unemployed is less and less heard; and women have largely engineered the effective campaign in favour of direct legislation, and have been almost solidly behind the fight for the initiative and referendum, and direct primary, and the commission form of government.



# AN ANTI-SUFFRAGE TALK.

By the Rev. Marie Jennay.

AN AMUSING SPEECH AT THE W.S.P.U. THURSDAY EVENING MEETING, STEINWAY HALL, RECENTLY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have believed in Woman Suffrage since I was thirteen years old. I am a strong Woman Suffragist. I do not want any misapprehension about my speech to-night, because I am going to give you an anti-Suffrage talk. Why should I give you an anti-Suffrage talk? For two reasons. First, just for fun. Second, nothing wins converts to Suffrage like an anti-Suffrage speech. Please don't think that this speech draws upon my imagination. It does not. I have been in Suffrage work for some time, and have taken part in debates, and have merely culled from the pages of the best anti-Suffragists I know. I must begin as the anti at home always do begin. This is a typical American anti-Suffragist:—

## The Anti on the Platform.

Be assured I pride myself on my broad-mindedness. Don't think me an old-fashioned woman just because I am an anti-Suffragist. No, indeed! I believe in all kinds of up-to-date and broadminded things, excepting Woman Suffrage. I could not believe in that, because to do so would be to deny my sex. Woman Suffrage is the revolt against nature. Why, look at the woman on this platform. Observe their physical inability and mental disability and general helplessness! Do you think they could walk up to a ballot-box, mark a piece of paper and drop it into the box? Obviously not. Or let us grant, for the sake of argument, that they could mark a piece of paper, but could they drop it in? Oh, no. The laws of nature cry out against it. The laws of man cry out against it. The voice of God cries out against it. And so do I.

## Basic Principles.

I have two basic principles against Woman Suffrage, which I will state this evening. My first principle is this: Enfranchisement is what makes men men. Disfranchisement is what makes a woman a woman. Now, don't you see that if you enfranchise women every man will be just like a woman and every woman just like a man, and there would no longer be any difference between them at all? And don't you think it would rob life of just a little bit of its poetry and romance? The other basic principle is this: Man must remain man, and woman must remain woman. Now, if man tries to come over and be like woman, or if woman tries to go over and be like man, why, don't you see it is all going to be so very confusing and so difficult to explain to our children! Take a practical example. Suppose a woman puts on a man's coat and trousers, and takes a man's cane and cigar, when she goes out she will be arrested and thrown into gaol. Then, why not stop at home? I think you begin to see, friends, how strongly I feel on this subject. But I have some arguments still to offer you, and they are very logical. Of course I am a creature of impulse and intuition. But I know that my arguments are based on logic, because I have culled them from the men whom it is my privilege to know.

## Arguments.

My first argument against Suffrage is this: Women would not use the vote if they had it, so what is the use of giving it them when you could not drive them to the polls? My second argument is this: If the women were enfranchised they would desert their husbands and neglect their homes and spend all their time at the polls. Now, you may say the polls are only open once a year. But, friends, I know women. They are creatures of habit. If you let them go to the polls once a year they will be hanging round the poll all the year round.

Now, these arguments of mine I have arranged in couplets in such a way that you may take your choice. You may take either one or the other. My second anti-Suffrage couplet is: Women would use the vote just exactly as their husbands do, and it would only double the existing vote. Do you like that? If not, take this one: Women would differ from their husbands. There would be family quarrels leading to divorce. Do you believe in divorce or do you not?

My third anti-Suffrage couplet is: Women are angels. Why, many men tell me that I am an angel, and I have a strong instinct which tells me it is true. And if you don't like that argument take this one: Women are depraved. If enfranchised their votes would be bought, and the enfranchisement of women would introduce a corrupt element into our national life. Oh, pause before it is too late!

My fourth anti-Suffrage couplet is: Women cannot understand politics. Of course, every kind and sort of man knows how to vote, but there is not a kind or sort of woman who knows how to vote. So if you gave them this power they could not do anything with it. Cannot you see the argument which goes with it is this: If women were enfranchised they would seize possession of the political machinery, gain rapidly in power, and soon you would find women governors of all our States and dozens of women would be President of the United States. Then what would become of the pilled-up progress of the ages—man's progress that man has laboured for? It would go down like a pack of cards.

My fifth anti-Suffrage couplet is: Women cannot organise. They cannot band themselves together. Why, two women cannot even be friends! Women are cats. Now, if you do not like that argument take this one: If the women were enfranchised all the men would be banded together on the one side and all the women would be banded together on the other

side, and what would happen then? It might even mean bloody revolution.

My last anti-Suffrage couplet is: First, there is nothing in the vote. Men tell me that it is not worth making any fuss about at all, and if you do not like that take this: the ballot is what gives man his dignity and power. It is what makes man superior to women, and if you enfranchise women how can a woman look up to her husband? There would be nothing to look up to.

## "Proofs Wanted: Not Facts."

Now, friends, I find the Suffragists most unreasonable. I have talked to them. I say to them, here I am, convince me, I want proof.

And then they begin to point to New Zealand and Australia and five Western States of America and tell what the enfranchised women do in those countries, and talk about the excellent laws passed there to alter the conditions of working women and children. But I say what are they? These are statistics. I don't care about statistics, I want proof. And then they tell me of the seven million working women in America, the seven million women who support themselves without the aid of a man, and they talk about the twenty-five thousand women in the State, who unlike married women who are not widows support themselves and their families. But I say what of that? These are facts, I don't believe in facts, I want proof. I do not think that statistics and facts are things which any truly womanly woman would use.

Now, I would like to prove anti-Suffrage in a womanly way, and I must take a womanly example. It is womanly to be personal, I find. Once I saw a woman and she was driving a horse and the horse ran away. Now, isn't that just like a woman? Once I read in the newspaper about a woman whose house caught fire, and she threw the children out of the window, and carried the pillows downstairs. Now does that show political acumen or does it not? Besides, look at the hats that women wear. As for the militant Suffragettes, I say they are hyenas in petticoats. Now do you want to be a hyena and wear a petticoat? Besides, have you ever heard of a successful, a really successful woman member of the Cabinet or a successful woman Minister? Well, if they could they would, wouldn't they? And if they have not, does not that prove that they cannot? And what would you do with the unmarried women and with the widows, would you give them the vote? Give an unmarried woman the vote?

## "A New Idea."

Now, I think you will agree that I have proved anti-Suffrage in a womanly way, without the use of a single fact or a single statistic. I feel sometimes that I am the prophet of a new idea. I well remember when it was when the new idea came to me. It came to me once in the middle of the night, and woke me with a shock that gave me a headache. This is my idea: woman's place in the home. You may not be able to grasp that all at once, but you will grow into understanding of it. Take it away with you, you will find it so helpful in your daily lives. Of course, the Suffragists tell us that all the activities have been taken out of the home, the baking, the spinning, the weaving have been taken out of the home, but I say all the more reason why something should stay in the home. I say let it be woman. Besides, the Suffragists forget that great man's invention of the telephone has been put into the home. Then let woman stay in the home and answer the telephone.

We anti have so much sympathy, so much imagination, that it seems to us at times that we can almost hear the little babies in the slums crying out to us, that we can see the children in the factories and mines putting out their hands to us, and the women in the sweated industries appealing to us and crying to us with one voice, "Give us relief, give us relief from the torture of Woman Suffrage." And well may they make this appeal. For what would Woman Suffrage do for such as they? It might even alter the conditions under which they live. We anti don't want anything changed. We say, whatever is right. All is for the best. If misery is in the world God has put it there. Let it remain. If it presses a little harder on some women than on others these are the women who need discipline. I, for example, have always been very comfortable and very happy. I do not need discipline. I understand these things so well, though I am only a poor weak woman. There is one thing I do understand, I know it from the ground up, that the divine intention was that woman should stay at home.

## "Interfering Women."

We have in New York State a settlement in charge of Lillian Ward. There 60 nurses live and spend their time in the congested district of Henry Street, nursing the babies, giving them pure milk, so that, although hundreds of babies used to die from the heat in the summer, now there is scarcely a baby ever dies. Well, all those 60 nurses are Suffragists, every one of them. What are they doing? Interfering, interfering. That is the trouble with the Suffragists, they are always interfering. And those 60 women, they are all interfering with the death rate. And if they interfere like that when they merely believe in Woman Suffrage, what may we not expect women to be doing when they get the franchise? What ought those 60 women to be doing? Every one of those 60 women ought to be devoting herself to the comfort of some man. You may tell me

they are not married. Well, let them try a little harder and they will find some kind of man to be devoted to. What is the good of women doing such work? What is the motive of women doing such work? Notoriety. They want to show off. They want to be noticed. It is different with me. Now, when I get up on a platform I say to myself, "Better that I should be unsexed for 15 minutes or half-an-hour than that all women should be unsexed for ever." When I come on a platform it is for the sake of my sister women. When Suffragists do it they do it for notoriety.

And I think we ought sometimes to think of the men. Now, don't you think that we ought to refrain from a thing that would lure men to destruction? Why, what is it gives man his dignity, his prestige? The ballot and the monopoly of that privilege, and if you enfranchise women what will become of the men? They will all sink off. We know men, we understand men. They will revert to their natural instincts, and we shall have race suicide. Do you believe in race suicide? We do not. It all comes down to this: somebody must wash the dishes. Now can you expect, can you imagine a man rolling up his sleeves and washing dishes? It would be blasphemy. I say I am but a rib, therefore I will wash the dishes, or pay some other rib to do it for me.

## "Get Your Way by Indirect Means."

Now, I want to say a word to my sister women. Women, you don't need the vote in order to get your own way. Of course, I want you to have your own way. That is what you are here for. But get your own way indirectly. If you want a thing, tease; if that does not work, get angry; if that does not work, cry—crying always brings them round. I say get your own way; cry if necessary, throw pillows, make a scene, if necessary make home a hell on earth, but do it in a womanly way. Don't you think it is so much more refined and lady-

like than going up to the ballot-box and dropping in a piece of paper? Besides, did George Washington ever say "Votes for Women"? No. Did Elijah, Elisha, Micahiah, Obadiah, Jeremiah ever say "Votes for Women"? No. Then that settles it. We must remember what the Bible says on this subject. The Bible says, "Let the women keep silent in the Churches." And Paul says, "Let her keep her hat on for fear of the angels," and my own minister says, "Wife, obey your husband," and my husband says if the women were enfranchised it would rob the rose of its fairness and the peach of its bloom. I think that is what he said. Now, can all these good men be wrong? Obviously no. I believe in consensus of opinion, that is what I believe in. The consensus of opinion of the best people—the people I know, you know. That is worth more than all the statistics in the world.

## A Cataclysm!

When I first started to speak I am afraid I was not perfectly understood in regard to the physical disability of women. Of course, I admit that a woman can get herself to the polls and can lift the paper. That is not exactly what I mean. I am referring to the pressure on the brain. Think of the strain on a woman's nervous system if she has to perform that enormous duty. And I ask you can you not picture them on election day when the women vote? Can you not see the women being dragged away by policemen, women weeping and crying, women being put in the ambulance, and women having fits on the public highways? Don't you think that if a woman must have a fit she had far better have it in the privacy of her own home? And then can you not picture the day after the election, when death and disease will rage unchecked and crime and contagious disease will stalk unbridled through our land? Friends, I feel—I feel so strongly on this subject that I cannot think!

## CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FÊTE.

December 4 to 9.

The Christmas Fair and Fête at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, from December 4-9, ought to prove doubly welcome to those who specially pride themselves on their skill in making useful and beautiful articles. The range of opportunity is as wide as it is varied. Those who are not quick with the needle are adepts at making candies and sweets of all kinds; others again are light with their hands and can bake a loaf of bread more wholesome and inviting than any to be had at the shops, while there are yet others, who, with wondrous skill, can, from a piece of wood, make a toy that will bring delight to the hearts of children. And all this will redound to the benefit of the Cause so dear to the hearts of all—the Cause that is even now about to be crowned with victory. Funds will be needed this year as never before, and members and friends are urged to write at once and say what they can and will do.

## Reports from Organisers.

Miss Worsfold, 45, Bonverie Road W., Folkestone, reports that the Shilling Fund, which was inaugurated by Miss Key (not Kerry as was incorrectly stated last week) and Miss Worsfold, has received the following fresh contributions: Miss May English, 1s.; Mr. Johnson, 1s.; Miss Warner, 2s. 6d.; Miss Madge Key, 1s. Miss Condy has given a welcome present of lavender water, together with a promise of soap later on. Friends all over the country are asked to remember how opportune the holidays are for procuring scents, especially lavender, lavender water, pot-pourri, etc. Those who cannot contribute in kind are earnestly asked to remember the Shilling Fund. All gifts and donations should be sent to the Bazaar Secretary.

Mrs. Powell, Roseligh, Alverton, Penzance, reports that work has commenced in Cornwall. She appeals to all members to aid her in sending a good contribution from the local branch. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. J. A. Moore, £2 2s.; Mrs. Tremayne, 10s.; Miss Sutherland, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Langley, 3s.; Anon, long silk scarf value £5, cushion cover £1 5s. The Misses Paul, E. Richards, Williams, Muller, Wills, Powell, and Mrs. J. K. Moir have all kindly promised to send work.

Miss N. Blackledge, 221, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, appeals to local members to do all they can in the way of raising money and work to make the fair a great success. She acknowledges 1s. from Miss Howes, and will be glad to receive further contributions.

Miss Dorothy Pethick, 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester, writes that weekly sewing meetings will now be started in order to raise £100 worth of goods for the stall. Though the stall is specialising in djibahs, dresses and overalls, Miss Pethick will welcome any work, and all ideas will be most acceptable. Contributions towards the materials, odd pieces of material, and trimmings are needed.

Miss Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, begs to remind members of the leadless glaze stall. A large amount of money will be required, and a 10s. Fund has been started, though subscriptions of a smaller amount will not prove unacceptable. The fund will close on November 16, and Miss Marsh hopes to receive promises of help in this way from all parts of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Smyth, 3s. 6d.; Mrs. Price, 5s.

Barnet Union will join in the Hertfordshire stall, and articles such as lamp and candle shades, table covers and table centres, paper racks, photo frames and kitchen cooking utensils, etc., etc., will be welcome. Other articles will be suitable for exchange. Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged by Miss Watt, 13, Stamford Road, Barnet.

Miss Flaitman, 6, Oriol Road, Cheltenham,

appeals to all members in Gloucestershire to make their stall a great success. She will be glad to know in what way they intend to help, and how much they will be responsible for.

Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, writes:—Handbills giving full details of the two competitions, (1) for the Best Dressed Doll, (2) for the most Charming Toy (see report in last week's issue), may be obtained from me at 37, Drewstead Road, Streatham, S.W. Intending competitors are asked to note that they must send in their names as soon as possible, together with an entrance fee of 6d. for each entry, in order that a numbered envelope and label may be sent to them. A large fresh stock of dolls of various sizes and prices is now on view at the shop, and at 37, Drewstead Road. Who will volunteer to purchase and give dolls to be dressed at the sewing meetings (see programme)? An appeal is also made for scraps of all kinds of materials suitable for dolls' clothing and toy making. There is special need for coloured beads; gloves (ladies' and gentlemen's) of all kinds of leather and shades. Mrs. J. A. Moore is heartily thanked for a contribution of £1 1s. towards expenses.

The secretaries 178, Finchley Road, Hampstead, report that a special committee is being formed to take over the work in connection with the Hampstead stall at the Portman Rooms Fête. Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Parr, Miss Kirby and Mrs. Frazer have already kindly promised to serve on it. Subscriptions towards the "materials" fund are coming in, but many more are needed.

Miss A. C. Nuthall, Holly Lodge, Kingston-on-Thames, reports that the following competitions have been arranged in needlework, and prizes will be awarded provided that there are 20 entries in each class:—I. Babies' Pin-flores.—Cost of material must not exceed 2s. Prize for best work, 5s. Entrance fee, 3d. II. Babies' Robes with Petticoats.—(a) Cost of materials not to exceed 6s.; Prize, 10s. (b) Cost of materials not to exceed 10s.; Prize, 15s. Entrance fee for both classes, 6d. III. Babies' Short Dresses.—Cost of materials not to exceed 5s. Prize, 7s. 6d. Entrance fee, 6d. N.B.—The money prizes awarded must be spent at the stall. Entries to be made to her at above address. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Belmont, 5s.; Miss Binnie, 5s. towards shilling fund.

Mrs. White, Gravels, Radlett, invites members and friends to make or start, during the next fortnight, one article for the household and furnishing stalls, and to exhibit these articles at the social meeting to be held at the end of the month.

No article should be sold from any stall except as clear profit to the funds of the Union, and no agreement with manufacturers or others as to percentage can under any circumstances be allowed.



## OUR POST BOX.

## N.U.T. AND SUFFRAGE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—The Executive of the N.U.T. has sent to the local association a resolution dealing with the question of "Woman's Suffrage," so that if sufficiently supported it may be discussed by the conference at Easter, 1912. As this resolution is to be voted upon at the Wallacey N.U.T. Association on September 29, and I am anxious that it shall be carried, I should esteem it a favour if any Suffragette—teacher or otherwise—would kindly send to me direct any points bearing especially on the teacher's side of the question.

Facts dealing with the N.U.T.'s Parliamentary business and payment of its representatives would be especially valuable.—Yours, etc.,  
LILY HAMMOND.

Riversdale, Wallacey Village.

## THE LEGAL POSITION.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—In your issue of September 1, Florence M. Russell gives a concrete instance of the way in which the law allows a man to neglect his wife, and only orders him to pay for her support if she at the same time undertakes to live separated from him. A maintenance order is the accompaniment to a separation order, as I tried recently to inform "Observer, M.P." through the columns of the *Daily News*, and so little does the law care whether a man provides for his wife or not, that even in the case of a separation order with maintenance it is frequently, as in the case cited by Miss Russell, left to the deserted wife to take action to have the defaulter committed to prison for contempt of the order of the Court. Without applying for a separation order there is no alternative for a wife but to offer herself penniless to the Poor Law Guardians for support, who, indignant at the encroachment upon their funds, seek to obtain repayment from the husband, who is free to take his wife home and recommence his process of neglect. As a wife, living with her husband, she has no means of ensuring her support. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence may, therefore, well ask "Does a man support his wife?" and set all the world thinking, even "Observer, M.P."! I am sending him a copy of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* with Miss Russell's letter marked, that he may note the working of the laws, of which he is a custodian, now a paid custodian!—Yours, etc.,  
ROSE LAMARTINE YATES.

Dorset Hall, Merton.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—May I suggest through you that all Suffragettes should agree to wear their badges in a conspicuous position, all times and in all places, until women have the vote? The general public do not know our strength (or at least did not), and don't think or care about us unless when we are doing something, but if our badges are seen everywhere, and among all classes, it will be a constant reminder, and will show our strength. I, for one, intend to wear one in future, and I hope to see many others.—Yours truly,  
(Mrs.) LILIAN F. SUFFERA.

A correspondent sends us a letter from the wife of a military man in India. She is the only woman at a jungle station, and she talks about the women's movement at every opportunity. "I find," she says, "that the best of the men are in sympathy with the movement, although the raw young bachelors are nervous."

## WOMAN'S EXHIBITION.

Our readers will be interested in the announcement of "The Englishwoman" Exhibition of Arts and Crafts to be held at the Maddox Street Galleries from Wednesday, November 1, to Tuesday, November 14, from 11 till 6 p.m. There will be exhibits of colour printing, lithography, etching, book illustrations, bas-reliefs, hand-weaving, jewellery, leather work, etc., and it is hoped there will be a garden stall at which will be seen new ideas for house decoration, examples of gardening and garden appliances. This exhibition should appeal especially to Suffragettes, as it is in support of the only Suffrage monthly review, and will include exhibits from many well-known women workers who are in sympathy with the cause.

## MISS MARY GAWTHORPE.

Our readers will be glad to know that Miss Gawthorpe is gradually recovering from her long illness. Her convalescence is tedious, but on the whole she makes steady and satisfactory progress.

## PRESS EXTRACTS.

## FORRES GAZETTE.

The event of the past week has, of course, been the visit of Mrs. Pankhurst. The presence of the celebrated champion of woman's rights created considerable stir in the town on Friday, and crowds of both sexes, although naturally the feminine element predominated, flocked to the Institute in the evening to behold and listen to the great lady who has made Governments tremble and Cabinet Ministers quake in their shoes. Mrs. Pankhurst gave an eloquent and effective exposition of the woman's movement, employing clear and cogent arguments for the cause she has so much at heart, and doubtless she converted many in the audience to her views.

## ABERDEEN FREE PRESS.

The gathering at Duncecht which was held on Saturday afternoon comprised men and women of all shades of political opinion, and an assembly estimated at over a thousand persons met together in the spacious hall.

## NEUES WIENER TAGBLATT (VIENNA).

The leaders of the English movement for women's suffrage did well in choosing the Saturday before the coronation for a demonstration on a grand scale. The arrangement of the manifestation was exceedingly well organised, and the procession of the suffragettes from Trafalgar Square to the Albert Hall, where a monster meeting was held, was literally the first great spectacle of the coronation week. As it passed, its order and dignity won many sympathisers for the suffrage cause. The enthusiastic applause and the cheers which greeted the first group proved that this time the public was in sympathy with the demonstration. During the whole procession this spirit prevailed among the crowd, and expressions of dissent were rare and as powerless to diminish the success of the procession as the little demonstration of the "antis."

While, as I have said, the world's commonwealths will need the saving grace of education and of material resources completely devoted to the general good, they will above all demand a free and enlightened womanhood. Without this the revolution will never end, and will arrive at no blessing. I am not specially pointing to the suffrage. Let the women have the suffrage, a thousand and one sorts of suffrages. But the essential thing is that we should develop powers now hidden, genius now cramped, poetry now dumb, sublime passion now fettered. Yes, let all women have votes; but let us keep our chief attention on the things of the spirit, on the woman soul itself, on the free play, fine audacity, and large imagination of which that soul is capable. Woman, the true Mediator between Man and Humanity, will not merely, like Dido in the stately palace of Carthage, welcome the voyagers and the pioneers to rest and ease. She will dedicate her valour, her mercy, her insight, her protective genius, to the service of the mighty commonwealth of mankind, prepared to give a new dignity to the offices of wife, mother, daughter, sister, and handmaid of the Civic Good, and knowing—as she alone can know—that upon her emancipation the moral destiny of the race now hangs.

—P. J. Gould in the *Literary Guide*.

In *Ave Maria* of July 22, we are glad to see an interesting article on woman suffrage. The author touches on the different evils that need to be dealt with, such as the divorce laws, the immunity of libertinism, the irresponsibility of illegitimate paternity, and the conditions of child labour, and points out that legislation lacks much owing to the women of the country not being enfranchised.

The women's suffrage movement may still be called in its infancy, and the fact that it has made so many thousands of converts in so short a time argues well, I think, for its righteousness. There are at the present time numbers of men who never use their votes, and who do not care twopenny about them; but this does not mean that the principle of male suffrage is wrong. On the contrary, minorities very often have more common-sense behind them than do majorities.

—M.A.P.

"Anyone who will look into history will find that the sufferings of the pure and the just are its saving element—that is to say, that it is not words, but deeds, and not deeds only, but self-sacrificing deeds, and not only self-sacrificing deeds, but the surrender of life itself, that forms the turning point in every great advance in history."—Harnack, "What is Christianity?"

The number of blind readers of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* is increasing, and we would remind members that a Braille edition is brought out by Miss Gooding, Spanmere House, Cheltenham.

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## LLOYD'S MEDAL FOR MME. MATELOT.

To Mme. Matelot, the heroic wife of the Lorient Lighthouse keeper, belongs the distinction of being one of the only two women ever presented with Lloyd's Medal for saving life at sea. It will be remembered that on the night of her husband's death Mme. Matelot remained up all night with her children, alternately tending the light and watching the body. Lloyd's Medal is only presented to those who have by extraordinary exertions contributed to the saving of life at sea. The subject of the Medal is taken from the *Odyssey*, where Ulysses is described as being rescued from the perils of a storm by Leucothoe.

"A mortal once,  
But now, an azure sister of the main."

The words addressed by Leucothoe to the shipwrecked hero represent the action of the converse side:—

"This heavenly scarf beneath thy bosom bind,  
And live: give all thy terrors to the wind."

The reverse is taken from a medal of Augustus: a crown of oak, with the motto, "*Ob civis servatos*."

Miss Kate Gilmour, the heroic stewardess of the *Sardinia*, is the other woman recipient of the Medal.

## WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE.

Central Office: 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C. (Third Floor left). Hours 10 to 5, or by appointment with The Secretary, Mrs. Kington Parkes. Tel. 3338: City.

Mrs. Ayres Purdie calls attention to the fact that claims for the earned income rate (9d. in the £) have to be sent in before September 30, otherwise the unearned income rate (1s. 2d. in the £) will invariably be



Holiday Campaign  
(Advertising a meeting at Holt).

charged. The Inland Revenue Department applies this rule so strictly that earned income claims received on the morning of September 30 are ignored, on the ground that the statute says "before the 30th of September." Those women who have neglected to claim the earned income rate should apply at once to their local tax surveyor for Form No. 38, on which to make this claim. By doing so they will save themselves from unnecessary taxation to the extent of 5d. in the £. On Thursday, August 31, a silver locket belonging to Miss K. A. Raleigh was sold on distraint for refusal to pay Inhabited House Duty for No. 8, Park Road, Uxbridge. The tax collector, Mr. Lea, of West Drayton, conducted the sale, which was held in the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson, Mrs. Jason-Kerr and Miss Raleigh spoke. Mrs. Sky, of Southend, has refused to pay the King's Tax. Accordingly, there will be a sale of the distraint goods at Blam's Auction Rooms, London Road, Southend, tomorrow, Saturday, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson and Mrs. Kington Parkes will attend the sale, and, by consent of the auctioneer, will make a short explanatory speech on the subject, and soon after hold a protest meeting outside the Technical School. Will all members and sympathisers, men and women, attend sale and protest meeting after, and support this member's action? Will all those unable to attend kindly send a contribution in aid of expenses?

## STILL GROWING.

Kensington Local Union has always taken a high place for its paper sales, and now, within a few days of the re-opening of its shop, Miss Evelyn Sharp reports that four new subscribers have been secured, three for twelve months and one for six months. Three of these Miss Wylie secured while selling papers at the pitch. A Woolwich member, Miss Dora Gregory, has also secured three; the papers she has undertaken to deliver herself. Members of other Local Unions might well follow these examples, the increased circulation of the paper being one of the most important pieces of work that can be done during the next twelve months. A subscriber writing from Tasmania to renew her subscription, says: "It is with intense interest that I read your paper, *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. The accounts of the splendid fight that is being carried on by the women in England makes one thrill with pride of one's sex. I think few of us realise the debt of gratitude that we even in Tasmania owe to the militant Suffragettes, for when the women of the Homeland win their franchise it must make a vast difference to the status and prestige of women all over the world."

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Mrs. Harvey ..... 1  
Miss D. Heckels ..... 2  
Miss A. L. Hyde ..... 1  
Miss A. D. Kern ..... 1  
Mrs. W. S. Miller ..... 1

Miss V. Milholland ..... 2  
Miss V. S. Meyer ..... 1  
"East Anglian" ..... 1  
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Lady Selborne ..... 6  
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## CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

"Do that which is assigned to you," says Emerson, "and you cannot hope too much or dare too much."

This is a motto for members and workers in the great autumn campaign which is now beginning. Organisers and secretaries everywhere are looking to members to help them. Help of all kinds is needed. Who will come forward now?

**W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.**

**BALHAM & TOTTING.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road. Members kindly note Jumble Sale will be held at 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, on Monday, September 25, at 3 p.m. All parcels should be sent not later than September 22, and should, if possible, be prepaid. A good attendance at to-night's meeting is hoped for.

**BARNET.**  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road. A very good open-air meeting was held at New Barnet Railway Arch on Friday last. Miss Miss Myers addressed a large crowd of working men and women, and papers were sold out. Members and friends please remind outsiders that a public meeting will be held in Ewan Hall, Barnet, on October 24, 8 p.m. Speakers, The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mr. Laurence Houseman and others. Tickets 1s. and 6d.

**CAMBERWELL AND DULWICH.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. J. D. Westbrook, 65, Calton Road, Dulwich Village, S.E. There was a large and sympathetic audience at Peckham Rye on Sunday to hear Mrs. Drummond. The stock of papers was sold out in phenomenally short time.

**CHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.**  
Shop and Office—264, King's Road.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Hald and Miss Blacklock. Members are asked to rally in good numbers at next Sunday's meeting in Battersea Park, when Miss Nina Boyle will speak. All helpers available will be needed.

**CLAPHAM.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, M. Kispeth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W. The autumn campaign started on Clapham Common on Sunday last when a most successful meeting was held. Miss Kelly was the speaker. Papers sold well and a good collection was taken. There will be no meeting on Clapham Common on Sunday next, and all members and friends are asked to help to make the Battersea Park meeting a success. Grateful thanks to Miss McGowan for 1s. profit on tea.

**CROYDON.**  
Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 505 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall. If any member still retains her pagan dress, will she please return it without delay to Miss Downing, and let the shop secretary know she has done so. Mrs. Medd-Hall is warmly thanked for her generous supply of jam; empty jam jars are asked for. The meeting arranged for October 2 has been postponed.

**EALING.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road. Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road. On Sunday, a large and interested crowd listened with close attention to Miss Miss Myers (speaker) and Mr. Chambers (Editor of the *Midweek & County Times*), who was in the chair. Two new members joined, and all papers were sold out. Members and friends are urgently requested to send articles of all sorts and conditions for the Jumble Sale, which takes place in October, to Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road.

**FULHAM AND PUTNEY.**  
Shop—206, Fulham Road.  
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Outen and Mrs. Roberts. A Jumble Sale will be held at the shop on Saturday October 7, proceeds to go towards expenses of sale at the Christmas Fair. Parcels intended for sale should be left at the shop not later than Friday morning, October 6. The Right Hon. W. Hayes Fisher, M.P. for Fulham, has promised to support the Conciliation Bill again next year if its scope is not enlarged.

**GREENWICH, DEPTFORD & WOOLWICH.**  
Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billingshurst, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, E.E. Members are requested to be present at the committee meeting to-night, Friday, (see programme). Tickets for Miss Pankhurst's Woolwich Town Hall Meeting, on October 17, will shortly be on sale. Prices 1s., 6d., and 3d. Members are urged to take some for sale among their friends. More jumbles are wanted. Will members able to help at the open-air meetings, about to be started, report themselves to the hon. sec., and, in the meantime, push the sale of the paper as much as possible.

**HACKNEY.**  
Office—75, Lower Clapton Road.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 20, Farnbury Road. An At Home will be held at the above address on Saturday, September 23, from 3 to 7. All members are cordially invited to attend and to bring with them any friends interested in the movement. It is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity to suggest plans for the winter's work. A Jumble Sale to raise money for the local campaign will be held early in October. Goods of every description are urgently needed.

**HAMPSTEAD.**  
Shop and Office—178, Finchley Road.  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier. Members will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Drummond has promised to speak at to-day's meeting (see programme). Open-air meetings were resumed on Sunday last, when Miss Naylor was the speaker. Miss Rowlett makes an urgent appeal for more helpers to sell the paper at these meetings, as the work at present falls very heavily on a few. Parcels for the Jumble Sale next month can be sent to the shop to be stored. Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett has generously promised a delightful addition to the local Christmas sale in the form of a Christmas tree for the children. The date of the Whist Drive should be Friday, September 29, not Sept. 22 as printed last week. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Harriet Weaver, 21 1/2, Mrs. Pletster, 13a; Miss C. Collier, 13a; Miss F. Collier, 13a; Mrs. Brailsford, 22. Please remember the sale at the shop on Monday and Tuesday next. Many useful things will be on sale at reasonable prices, and a large supply of English honey and home-made jam will form a special attraction for the housekeeper.

**HENDON AND GOLDSER GREEN.**  
Hon. Org. Sec.—Mrs. Wyatt, Darby House, Hendon. Office: 26b, The Parade, Golders Green. Work at the offices is in full swing. There is new stock in several departments, and the sale of Votes for Women is increasing. There are good opportunities for selling if the number of helpers were increased.

**ILFORD.**  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 65, Cranbrook Road. A special business meeting will be held at above address on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. Agenda: work parties for the Christmas Fair. Will all members make a special point of attending? Suggestions are wanted. Papers can be had from Mrs. Crouch, 132, Wellesley Road until Sept. 20, after that as usual.

**ISLINGTON.**  
Office—317, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley. The secretary will be at the office in future every Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., other evenings

by appointment only. A members' meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, at 6.30 p.m. Will all members and friends do their best to attend and be ready with offers of help and suggestions for the bi-monthly stall. More subscribers will be welcomed as increasing work brings heavier expenses, while the subscriptions remain almost the same.

**KENSINGTON.**  
Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2118 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp. Paper-selling has recommenced with vigour and it is hoped that former sellers will apply at the office immediately on their return to town, and that all members will try if possible to become, or to find, new sellers in order that this very important branch of the work shall not be neglected. A campaign among Kensington women householders is being organized; helpers of all kinds, especially canvassers and hostesses for drawing-room meetings, are urgently begged to communicate with the Hon. Secretary or to apply at the office where she or some member of committee will be always in charge. Goods for the Jumble Sale (clothes, books, china, hardware, etc.) may be sent, the sooner the better, to Mrs. Skone, 41, Land-dowle Crescent, W. The Hon. Mrs. Forbes and Miss Short are gladly welcomed as new members.

**LEWISHAM.**  
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Boulter. Office—32, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham. At Home, Tuesdays 3 to 5, and Thursdays 5 to 9 p.m. The Sunday meetings at the Catford tram terminus continue to draw large and interested crowds. The autumn campaign will begin with a social gathering and whist drive at Mauna Mead, 17, The Grove, Blackheath, by kind permission of Mrs. Knight and Miss Tapley Spurr, on Saturday, September 30, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets (price 1s. 6d. including refreshments) can be obtained on sale or return at above address. Will members and friends do their utmost to make the whist drive a success. The annual general meeting will be held on Friday, October 20. Full particulars will be given later. Members are reminded that the yearly membership subscriptions (minimum 1s.) are now due. Gratefully acknowledged: Two Jumble Sale parcels, Miss Steele, 11a. More parcels will be most welcome, and should be sent (carriage paid) to Miss Leigh, 62, Manor Park, Lee.

**N.W. LONDON.**  
Office—215, High Road, Kilburn, Tel. 1183, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell. The office is now open after the holidays, and work is in full swing again. Help for various kinds of work is much needed, and suggestions as to the best way of raising funds to furnish the local campaign stall at the Christmas Fair will be welcomed. Will any member arrange a Whist Drive or Social evening? A Jumble Sale will be held shortly; please send clothing and other articles to the office, and ask friends to do likewise. Paper-sellers are much needed. The petition for the release of Margaret Murphy can be signed at the office.

**STREATHAM.**  
Shop and Office—3, Shrubbery Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonard-Tyson.

Jam-makers please note! The demand for home-made jam greatly exceeds the supply. Mrs. Irene Inchbold is designing some pretty stencilled Christmas Cards. Please call at the shop to see them, and order your supply early. Shop-stewards are still needed between the hours of 12 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Please study the list of work parties (see programme) and do your best to attend. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Moore for Toy Stall, 21 1/2; Miss Tyson, 1a; Miss E. Green, 10a; Mrs. Moore, 10a; Miss G. Blackman, 4a, towards shop rent.

**SYDENHAM.**  
Hon. Sec.—Miss A. Pollard, Burghill Road, Sydenham. Open-air meetings will recommence to-night (Friday). Will members make them known and bring friends. Offers of help in paper-selling, etc. both at meetings and at pitches, will be welcomed.

**WEST HAM.**  
Hon. Sec.—Miss Winifred Judge, 23, Herongate Road, South Woodside. The first open-air meeting since the recent by-election was held on Friday last at Stratford. Miss Richards attracted a good audience. The supply of papers was sold out.

**WIMBLEDON.**  
Shop and Office—3, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1064, P.O. Wimbledon. Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Moten, Surrey.

The third meeting of the new Broadway evening series was held on Saturday last and proved another success. The speakers were Mrs. Drummond and Mr. E. Duval, with Mrs. Huggett in the chair. Two interesting addresses were given to an appreciative audience, and the paper sales doubled those of last week. On the Common on Sunday, Mr. Arthur Mackintosh made an able speech from the working man's point of view and successfully combated the more than doubtful statistics brought against him by an Anti-Suffragist who argued adversely on women's votes in New Zealand. Last week Wimbledon had the pleasure of hearing Miss Peck and Miss Richard in the Broadway. The meetings are proving most encouraging. Conciliation Bill leaflets being distributed and papers selling well.

## LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

September.			
Friday, 15	Blackheath, 7, Oakcroft Road	Committee Meeting	7.30 p.m.
" "	178, Finchley Road	Branch Meeting: Mrs. Drummond	7.45 p.m.
" "	High Barnet, Market Place	Miss Gibbs, Miss Dodd	8 p.m.
" "	Stratford, E., The Grove	Miss M. Naylor. Chair: Miss Wingrove	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Drowstead Road	Working Party	3 to 6 p.m.
" "	Sydenham, High Street	Miss Leonard. Chair: Miss Downing	8 p.m.
" "	West Croydon, Katherine Street	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.
Saturday, 16	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss Hopkins	8 p.m.
" "	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Miss Peck	8 p.m.
" "	Islington, corner of Hornsey Road and Seven Sisters Road	Miss Richard. Chair: Miss Hume	8 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Eliza Myers	8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Broadway	Mrs. Deane-Fox. Chair: Mrs. Heard	7 p.m.
Sunday, 17	Battersea Park	Miss Nina Boyle	3 p.m.
" "	Brookwell Park	Miss Leonora Tyson	3 p.m.
" "	Catford, Tram Terminus	Mrs. Cameron-Swan. Chair: Miss Townsend	6.30 p.m.
" "	Baling Common	Miss Peck. Chair: Mr. J. Y. Kennedy	6 p.m.
" "	Hampstead Heath	Miss Wyatt	11.30 a.m.
" "	Hyde Park	Mr. Ernest D. Duval, Lt. J. E. Cather	3.30 p.m.
" "	Peckham Rye	Miss Hicks	3.15 p.m.
" "	Streatham Common	Miss Naylor	3 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common	Miss Eliza Myers. Chair: Mrs. Huggett	3 p.m.
Monday, 18	178, Finchley Road	Sale of holiday work	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 19	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Working Party	8 p.m.
" "	178, Finchley Road	Sale of holiday work	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 3, Thirmore Road	Working Party. Hostess: Mrs. Crosby Smith	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 20	Streatham, 5, Shrubbery Road	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
" "	Hackney, Powercroft Road corner Islington, Angel	Miss Hopkins	8 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Leonard	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 34, Hopton Road	Working Party. Hostess: Mrs. Inchbold	3 to 6 p.m.
Friday, 22	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Working Party	2.30 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Miss Jacobs	7.30 p.m.
" "	New Barnet, Railway Arch	Miss Hopkins	8 p.m.
" "	Stratford, The Grove	Miss Leonard	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham, 37, Drowstead Road	Working Party	3 to 6 p.m.
" "	West Croydon, Katherine Street	Miss Leslie Hall, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.

## Home Counties.

**BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.**  
Office—4, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4883 Nat. Organiser—Miss G. Allan.

The Brighton meetings have been well attended this week, especially on Saturday and Sunday, when good collections were taken and Votes for Women sold well. Members on holiday have been very kind in checking and speaking, and meetings have been also held in Lewes and Nottingham.

Saturday, Sept. 16.—See Front. Speaker, Mrs. Drummond.

Sunday, Sept. 17.—See Front. Speaker, Mrs. Drummond.

**EASTBOURNE.**

Hon. Sec.—Miss Sibella Jones, 10, Southfields Road. The meetings held on the beach last Friday were a great success. Miss Evelyn Billing addressed large and interested audiences both morning and evening.

Friday, September 15.—Near Eastern Band Stand, Miss Billing, 11.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

**PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.**

Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 41, Oxford Street, Southampton.

Thanks to Mrs. Burman, Miss Wallis, Mrs. Seymour and Miss Peacock for their work during August. Also to Miss Bushell for help in paper-selling. More sellers are urgently needed in both towns. A strenuous autumn campaign is being arranged and the organisers hope to receive offers of help. Jumble Sales will be held in Portsmouth and Southampton during October, and friends are asked to keep and collect articles of all sorts so that a good sum may be raised. Gratefully acknowledged (for local campaign): Mrs. Hewett, 2a; Miss Peacock, 4a; given for "V. f. W." outside British Association meeting, 2a; L. Peacock, No. 4 (Sale of lamp), 4a, 6d.

Tuesday, Sept. 19.—Southampton, Clock Tower, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20.—Portsmouth, near South Parade Pier, 7 p.m.

**READING AND NEWBURY.**

Shop and Office—49, Market Place.

Organiser—Miss Stella Fife.

Members have been working at the Petition for Margaret Murphy, many influential people of Reading having signed it, including the Mayor. Miss Huggell Havels and Miss Fife addressed a sympathetic meeting in St. Mary's Ritz, on Friday night, Miss Barnett taking the chair. Paper-sellers and speakers please volunteer this month.

Friday, September 15.—Market Place, 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 16.—Bracknell (main street). Chair: Mrs. Mansell Fyfe, 7.30 p.m.

**REDHILL.**

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cather, The Red Cottage, Cavendish Road.

Miss Lindsay and Mr. Richmond were the speakers at Chapel Road meeting on Saturday last. Mr. Cather was in the chair. Will members and friends render all the help possible before and at the Rummage Sale in the Carlton Room on Saturday, September 23? Gifts of old clothing, etc., will be gratefully received and may be sent to the room at any time. At the Committee meeting held on September 6, Mrs. Cather was elected Secretary in place of Mrs. Richmond who is leaving the town.

**SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.**

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Sky, 23, Cliffdown Road.

The usual meeting was held outside the Technical School on Saturday evening, Miss Emily Davidson, B.A., was the speaker. Mrs. Warren of Rayleigh was in the chair.

Saturday, Sept. 16.—Outside Technical Schools. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Kmeton Parker, about 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23.—Outside Technical Schools. Miss E. Davidson, B.A. Chair: Mrs. Hisey, 8 p.m.

## The Midlands.

**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.**

Office—97, John Fright Street, Tel. 1443 Midland. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

The local N.U.W.S.S. and the W.S.P.U. are joining forces to organise a meeting in the Midland Institute on Monday, October 9, at 8 p.m. Mr. B. Aisford will be the principal speaker. Tickets, 1s. and 6d., may be obtained from 97, John Fright Street, and from 10, May Roy. It is hoped that members will attend in full force and also take tickets to sell to their friends. The weekly meetings will be resumed on Wednesday, October 4, when Mrs. Penn Gaskell will speak. These meetings will be held every Wednesday evening and alternate Wednesday afternoons at Queen's College throughout the winter.

**LEICESTERSHIRE.**

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel.: 1715 Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Petrick.

A very important members' meeting will be held to-night (Friday), and the organiser hopes that all members will make an effort to attend, to help her in planning out the winter's work. For particulars of work for Christmas Fair and Fête see elsewhere. Shop-helpers are greatly needed; will members send in their names to Miss West.

Friday, Sept. 15.—Shop, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.

## NOTTINGHAM.

Office—8, Carlton Street, Tel. 211. Organisers—Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker. Miss Burgess, Miss Gill, and others have undertaken to arrange a Rummage Sale in aid of the funds on October 21. At the change of season will friends remember that large contributions will be welcomed and may be sent to the shop any time between now and then.

Tuesday, Sept. 19.—8, Carlton Street, Important Members' Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

## West of England.

## BATH.

Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath. Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

Plans are now formed for the autumn campaign. The principal items will be (1) the canvass of municipal women voters to be started shortly; (2) weekly meetings on Saturday afternoons, to recommence on October 7; (3) the raising of a fund in connection with the Christmas Fair stall towards the purchase of goods. Helpers are needed for all these undertakings. Preparations must also now be actively made for the great free public meeting at the Guildhall on September 29, at which Miss Vida Goldstein and the Rev. Ivory Cripps will speak. Open-air meetings will be held to advertise their coming, and workers are needed for distributing handbills, chalking, etc. Thanks to Mrs. Macintyre, who has most kindly offered to help by giving a drawing-room meeting. Gratefully acknowledged towards Bazaar Fund: Mrs. Senior, 10a; Miss Ethel Tollemache, 6a; Mrs. Mansel, 21. Wanted, paper-sellers. The local sale of Votes for Women must be increased.

Friday, Sept. 22.—Combe Down. Hostess: Mrs. Macintyre. Speakers: Mrs. Mansel, Miss Alice Perkins, 3.30 p.m. Saw Close, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.

## BRISTOL.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1343. Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

On Monday a splendid members' meeting was held in the Daniel Rooms. The autumn work was outlined, and an appeal was made for volunteers. It was decided to have two sewing parties weekly, and Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Barrett kindly offered the use of their drawing-rooms for the purpose. The municipal committee are hard at work. Many members gave their names as canvassers, but many more are needed. In North Bristol alone there are over two thousand women municipal voters. Members and sympathisers will be pleased to hear that Miss Beatrice Harnden has promised to speak at a Reception in November. The weekly At Homes will commence in the Victoria Rooms on Monday, Oct. 2. The organiser makes a strong appeal for financial help. Money is always necessary. Will all members and sympathisers in all parts of the West of England please respond to this appeal.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Dives, Cecily Hill.

Members will be glad to know that Mrs. Dives has consented to become the Hon. Sec. for Gloucestershire, and all offers of help should be addressed to her as above. She would be especially glad if members would get new readers for the paper, and make themselves responsible for selling a certain number weekly. Who will send a donation for showing the poster at Smith's?

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

Organiser—Miss Flatman, 8, Oriol Road, Cheltenham.

It is most important that the sale of Votes for Women should be increased in this district. Who will send in their names promising to dispose of a dozen weekly? This can easily be done by canvassing in one single street. A Waterloo member began in this way, and now has an average sale of 75 copies weekly.

Friday, Sept. 15.—Cheltenham, Clarence Lamp, 8 p.m.

**ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.**

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. An Stanley Hawby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe.

Hon. Lit. Secretary—Miss Ball, Nursing Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.

Members visiting Ilfracombe will be welcomed at the W.S.P.U. stall in the market to-morrow (Saturday) morning, also to the members' meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Saturday, September 16: St. Mary's Broad Park Avenue, members' meeting, 4 p.m.

## STROUD.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman, Oak Villa, Stratford Road.

The organiser will be at the above address for some weeks, and will be glad to hear from all members and friends in the district who can help her with the campaign, or send addresses of those likely to be interested; it is hoped to have several ticket meetings for prominent speakers, and helpers are much needed. Drawing-room meetings will be gladly welcomed.

## North-Eastern Counties.

**NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.**

Office—71, Blackett Street. Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth.

The Sunderland demonstration was a great success; the procession was most effective and representative. The speakers were given splendid hearings and the resolution was carried practically unanimously at all platforms. Papers sold out quickly. This work is to be followed up and splendid results are expected. Promises are coming in well for the bazaar and At Home on October 30. All members are urgently requested to do their share to ensure its success. Many thanks to Mrs. Boyd, for her subscription to the bazaar, and also to Miss Rogers; to Miss O. Toole, who so splendidly devoted her holiday to work in Sunderland; and to Miss Ives (Chelms) for her help in clerical work in the office. The autumn campaign is going to be a strenuous one and help of all kind is needed.

Saturday, Sept. 16.—Newcastle, 77, Blackett Street, Work Party, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20.—Newcastle, 77, Blackett Street, Work Party, 3 p.m.; 77, Blackett Street, Choir Practice, Madame Bolas Simpson, 7.30 p.m.

## SCARBOROUGH.

Shop—38, Huntriss Row.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Sufield, 13, New Queen Street.

Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley. An open-air meeting was held on the North Side on Tuesday, September 5, when a large audience listened with appreciation to Miss Morgan Brown and Mrs. Richmond. Members are deeply grateful to those two members for the splendid work they have done in devoting their holiday to Suffrage work in Scarborough. Paper-sellers are urgently needed to take a pitch for Dr. Marion Mackenzie who is away for a few weeks.

## North-Western Counties.

**BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.**

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton.

Mrs. Farrington will be pleased to see all members at 118, Dorset Street, on Monday next, September 18, at 8 p.m. There are several matters of importance to be discussed. More workers are wanted.

**HALE, ALTRINCHAM, AND DISTRICT.**

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Wild, 24, Lock Road, Altrincham.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent (thanks to Mrs. Yates) at her house, Oakenhurst, Harrop Road, Hale, on Saturday last. After tea a meeting was held in the garden, and it was arranged that at the close of the open-air meetings members and friends would meet once a fortnight at members' homes. Six new members were made, and one new subscriber to the



paper gained. Mrs. Yates is still working hard in collecting goods for the Bazaar to be held in the Autumn in Manchester, and would welcome any articles.

#### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street. Tel.: 3761 Royal.  
Organiser—Miss Davies.  
The office will re-open on Monday, September 18.

#### MANCHESTER.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Mabel Capper, 21, Oxford Road.  
Paper-sellers are needed for the Gaiety Theatre pitch on Monday evenings.  
Friday, Sept. 15.—21, Oxford Road, Members' Meeting 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 19.—Dramatic Club, 21, Oxford Road, 7 p.m.

#### ROCHDALE.

Office—2a, Ballis Street. Hon. Lit. Sec.—Mrs. M. Stott, 10, Mayfair Gardens, Rochdale.  
Meetings and At Homes have now been resumed. There is much work to be done and it is hoped that members will realise that the success of the movement depends on each one doing what she can. A good attendance is expected at Wednesday's meeting when plans for the coming winter will be discussed. Volunteers for paper-selling are needed. Two local members sold 30 last week.

#### Scotland.

##### DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—41, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Mrs. Thacker has kindly stocked the market stall with candy every week during the summer months. The organiser would be glad to have the names of any members who would send home-made candy once every few weeks during the winter. If several would promise, the burden would not be nearly so great. Very many thanks to Miss Cummings, who attended to letters and other business while the organiser was in Kirkcaldy.

**EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.**  
Office—5, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.  
Shop Secretary—Miss Edith Hudson.  
Organiser—Miss Lilian Mitchell. Tel.: 6183 Central.

Everyone will be delighted to hear that Miss Burns is returning to Edinburgh on October 1. Miss Burns' splendid decision to come over and take full share of the twelve months' hard labour will give an impetus to all members. It is intended to carry on the municipal canvass and to hold indoor meetings in the districts canvassed. Will helpers please come forward for this work and if possible give regular afternoon or morning work once or twice a week. Then there will be the big Synod Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 24, when Mrs. Petrick Lawrence has kindly promised to speak. Will members make this widely known? Money must be raised for the winter's work. With this object in view, a Jumble Sale will be held early in November. Members are asked to keep this in mind. Open-air meetings will be held in the surrounding districts until the end of September—"moral support" are urgently required. A good meeting was held at Peebles on Saturday. Thanks to Mrs. Sufferon for her valuable help in paper-selling.  
Friday, September 15.—"The Mound," Miss Burn Murdoch, 8 p.m.  
Thursday, September 21.—8, Melville Place, 8 p.m.

**GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.**  
Shop and Office—52, Sauchiehall Street.  
Tel.: 616, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wylie.  
Kilmarnock Branches are so widely scattered that a great deal of help is required. The organiser begs all who possibly can to devote some time to mid-day and evening meetings, as chairmen, paper-sellers, bill distributors, etc. The expenses are naturally increased owing to the wide distances to cover. Miss Wylie hopes members who cannot otherwise assist will give monetary help. The loan of a motor car would be a great boon. All energies must be concentrated on the by-election, for nowhere else can such a splendid field for propaganda work be found. Meetings are being held daily and others could be arranged if members would come forward at once.

#### CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 52, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 18, Carlton Vale, Walsley Vale, N.W.  
A members' meeting will shortly be arranged. In the meantime sellers are wanted for the Liverpool Street and Ludgate Hill pitches. Please communicate with the Hon. Secs.

#### MEN'S POLITICAL UNION FOR WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

Office: 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.  
Telephone: City 6673.

Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.

It is now time seriously to commence a vigorous Autumn Campaign, and members who are returning from their holidays before the end of the month are asked to help by advertising meetings and taking the chair for speakers. All such offers should be addressed to the secretary at the above address. For meetings see programme. A big meeting is being arranged for October, at which it is hoped there will be some Members of Parliament on the platform. Fuller details will be announced as soon as possible.

**Christmas Fete and Fair.**—Interesting and novel arrangements are being contemplated by the M.P.U. in connection with this event, particulars of which will be given later. Offers of general help will be gratefully received.

**Tax Resistance.**—Members who can possibly manage to do so are asked to spend Saturday evening in Southend in order to support a protest against the seizure of a tax resister's goods. Particulars will be found in the report of the Tax Resistance League.

#### THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

3, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1215.  
President—Mrs. Forbes Robertson.  
Organising Secretary—Miss G. M. Conolan.

Already plans are being made for the annual matinee which will take place the last week in October. A most interesting and varied programme is in course of preparation, concerning which information can be obtained at the office in the course of a few days. A most urgent appeal is made to members to send in their touring lists whenever possible. Many requests for help have been received from provincial suffrage societies, which cannot be dealt with until the whereabouts of members are better known.

#### BELFAST WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Office: 21, Wellington Place, Belfast.

The first usual Monday evening meeting of the season was held in 22, Wellington Place, on September 11. There was a good attendance. The Secretary, who presided, made several interesting announcements, including the approaching visit on September 27 of Miss Vida Goldstein. Members were urged to do their utmost to make this meeting a success in every way. On September 18, Mr. S. Crawford, B.A. (Oxford), speaks on "Some Thoughts on the Women's Movement," and it is hoped there will be a bumper attendance and a hearty welcome given to Mr. Crawford. The secretary asks for helpers for the following work—paper-selling, office work, contributions in every shape and form for the Sale of Work (December 4).

chalking meetings, bill distributing, ticket-selling, etc. The banner carried in the June Procession and very kindly designed by Mr. Baker was on view and much admired.

#### THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln.

Office—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.  
The Garden Meeting to be held by kind permission of Miss Hartley at 7, Priory Road, Kew, to-morrow (Saturday), 3 to 5, promises a number of attractions. The speakers will be Mrs. Wynne Nevinson, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, Rev. Llewellyn Smith, Rev. O. Hinscliff. Mrs. Domon, the local secretary, is to be congratulated on the great success of the Basingstoke garden meeting. On September 26, Mr. Hinscliff will speak in the Club Room, 18, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, in the afternoon, and on the same evening in Hove Town Hall, on the "Inner Meaning of the Nature Study Movement." For the Church Congress at Stoke on Trent, local offices have been engaged in the Masonic Hall, Hanley, a stall has been booked in the Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition, Stoke. The speakers during the campaign will be Lord Lytton, the Bishop of Lincoln, Miss Frances Sterling, Hon. Mrs. Henley, Mrs. C. F. Fagan, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, Rev. Carnegie Mullin, Rev. G. D. Rosenthal, and Rev. C. Hinscliff.

#### MUNSTER WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Day, Myrtle Hill House, Cork.

Miss Vida Goldstein has kindly consented to address some meetings in the south of Ireland, and members are making active preparations for her reception. Meetings are being arranged as follows: In the Clarence Hall, Cork, on Thursday, September 21, at 8 p.m., when, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Miss Edith Somerville, the chair will be taken by Mrs. Penrose; at Bandon, Town Hall, on Friday, September 22 (organiser, Mrs. Bentout Brown); at Waterford, Town Hall, on Tuesday, September 26 (organiser, Dr. Mary Strangman). It is hoped that a drawing-room meeting will be held in Lismore, but the final arrangements have not yet been made. From Waterford Miss Goldstein will go to Belfast. Members are earnestly requested to assist in every way in their power to secure a triumphal success for Miss Goldstein in the south.

#### FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Hon. Organising Secs. (pro tem.)—Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, 1, Cholmeley Park, Highgate, N.  
Hon. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Hatty Baker, 25, Harrington Villas, Hove.

A special members' meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 13, at Caxton Hall, at 7.15 sharp, to elect an organising secretary in place of Rev. B. Clark. Nominations from members to be sent seven days at least previously, to hon. cor. sec. A public meeting at 8 p.m., with Lady Spicer and Rev. O. Fleming Williams among the speakers. Mr. Walter McLaren, Bsq., M.P., has sent £10 to the F.C.L., this being part of his salary as Member of the House of Commons which he considers due to unrepresented women.

#### CYMRIC SUFFRAGE UNION.

President—Mrs. D. A. Thomas.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. M. E. Davies, 97, Racton Road, Fulham, London, S.W.

A local Union has been formed at Pontyeymer with Miss Thomas, head-mistress of Ffynnon Council School, as local secretary. Will new members in that vicinity please communicate with her. London members are wanted to volunteer to give out Conciliation Bill leaflets outside Welsh concerts, lectures, etc. Gofynir i bawr ydd yn cymmyrd dyddordeb yn yr Undeb hwn i anfon ar unwaith am gopïau ar Mesur Cymmod. Gofynir hefyd i bob merch mewn tref a gwlad i ygrifennu ei hunain a pheri i'w brodyr, ei gwyr, ei meibion, neu ei tadau i ygrifennu at seicidau seneddol pob rhan o'r Dywysogaeth. "Am! gnoe a dyr y garol."

#### THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman.

Office—5, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge (opposite Tube Station).

The Norfolk campaign has been re-opened. The organiser is at work in Dereham and district, and during the week several meetings will be held. Now that the holiday season is nearly over, the office work is in full swing, and the usual weekly At Homes are being arranged, to commence next month. A very acceptable present has been received for sale in the office from Miss Philip, who has our best thanks. Members are asked to begin to prepare for the Christmas Sale, and to remember contributions are still needed. Gratefully acknowledged: a most generous gift, for "work in Norfolk," from Miss Foley.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Kendall, 25, Wilberforce Road, Finsbury Park, N. Hon. Treasurer—Miss Monica Whately, 75, Harcourt Terrace, The Beltons, S.W.

Again we have to make a very special appeal for funds for our Autumn Campaign; unless funds are forthcoming it is impossible to get on with the work, and, as we hope to see victory next year, surely now is the time to give generously. The Soc. would be glad to hear from those willing to help with the work after the holidays—even a few hours a week.

#### AN AIRY REMINDER.

The Advertisement Manager of VOTES FOR WOMEN was, this week, the recipient of an interesting souvenir from the Molassine (Dog Foods) Co. This was a postcard, sent by the first Government Aerial Post, bearing a greeting and a shrewd reminder that progress in the art of making Molassine Dog Foods kept pace with progress in the art of flying.

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